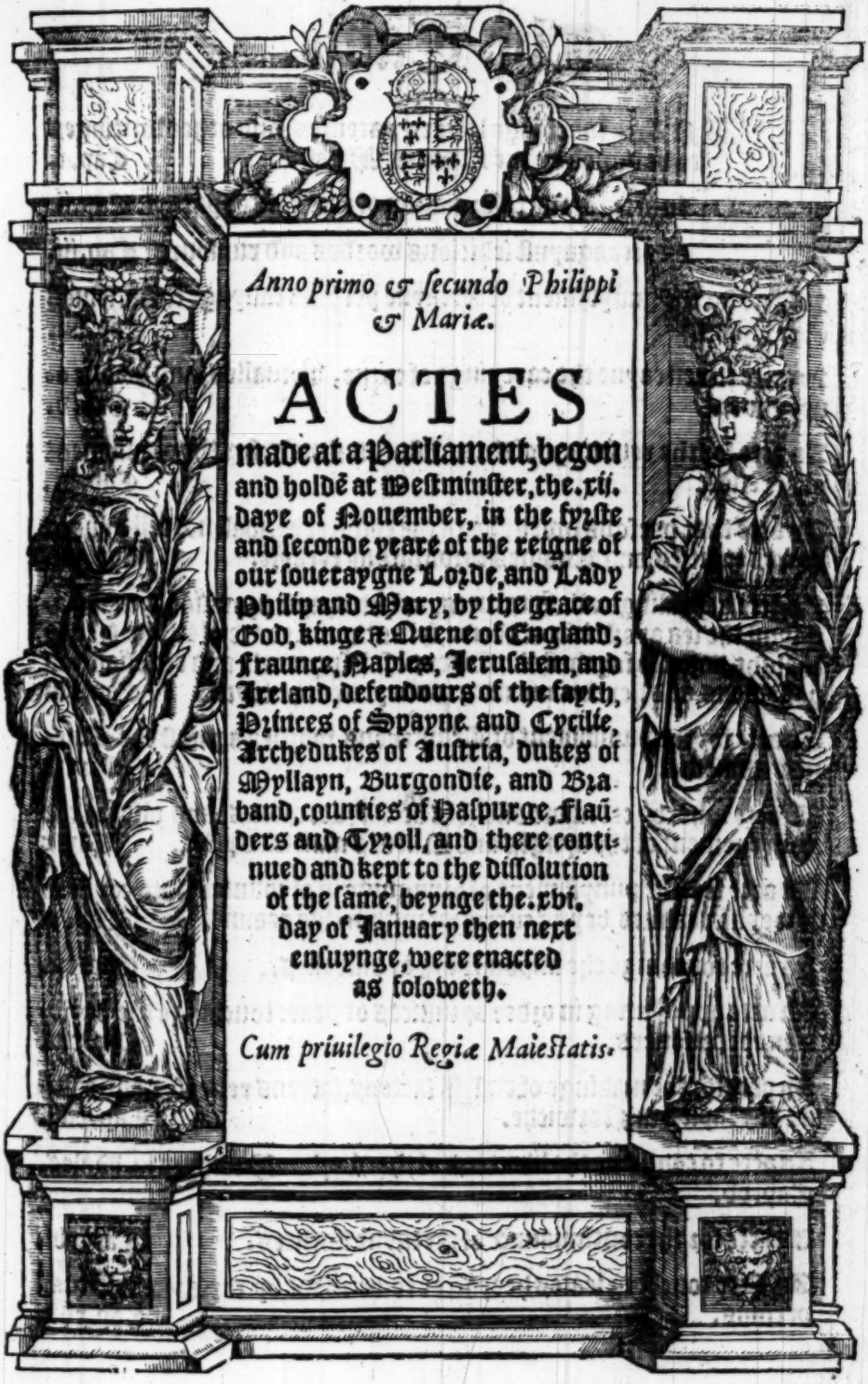

Anno primo & ſecundo Philippi & Mariæ.

ACTES

made at a Parliament, begon and holdē at Weſtminſter, the. xij. daye of Nouember, in the fyrſte and ſeconde yeare of the reigne of our ſoueraygne Lorde, and Lady Philip and Mary, by the grace of God, kinge & Quene of England, Fraunce, Naples, Jeruſalem, and Ireland, defendours of the fayth, Princes of Spayne and Cycilie, Archedukes of Auſtria, dukes of Myllayn, Burgondie, and Braband, counties of Halpurge, Flaūders and Tyrroll, and there continued and kept to the diſſolution of the ſame, beynge the. xvi. day of January then next enſuynge, were enacted as foloweth.

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The first Chapter.

HERE IN THE parliament begon and holden at Westminster, the seconde day of Aprill, in the fyrst yeare of the reygne of our moost dread and gratious Soueraygne Ladye the Queenes maiestie, and there continued and kept, tyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the fyft day of May, then next folowynge, one Acte was made touchynge the articles of her highnes moost noble mariage. In the which act amongest other thinges it is enacted, ordred, and establyshed by auctoritie of the sayd parliament, that all and singuler gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, eschaunges, confyrmations, leases, and other wrytinges, which after the said marriage, and dureing the same, shoulde passe, and be made of any benefices, offices, landes, reuennes, and fruites, or of any of them, shoulde be intituled, and made in the names of our Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and of her moost excellent highnes, whether his maiestie shoulde be present within the Realmes and dominions of her highnes, or within any of them, or absent. And that the same giftes, grauntes, letters patentes, eschaunges, confyrmations, leases, and other wrytinges, so sette forth and made, shulde be sealed, and fyrmed with the lygne manuell of her highnes, and the same so signed and sealed with the great seale of this realme, or with suche seale as hath bene accustomed, shuld be by thauctoritie of the sayd parliament, deemed, adiudged, declared, and pronounced, to be as good, perfect, and of like force, strength, & effecte in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, agaynst oure sayd Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the king and the Queenes maiesties, and her highnesse heyres and Successours, as yf her maiestie had bene at the tyme of the makyng thereof, sole and vnmarryed, and that al giftes, grauntes, letters patentes, eschaunges, confirmations leases, and other wrytinges, whiche after the sayde marryage, and durynge the tyme of the same, shuld passe, and be made of the sayd benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, or of any of them, wherevnto the signe manuell, of her highnesse, shoulde not be sette, made, or put, shalbe by auctoritie of the sayde parliament, from tyme to tyme, deemed, adiudged, accepted, taken, and decreed, to be of no force, ne effect, but vtterly frustrate and voyde in the lawe, to all intentes, con-

ſtructions, and purpoſes, the ſayd marryage, or any law, vſage or cuſtome to the contrary in any wyſe notwithſtandynge, as by the ſayde Acte more at large doth appeare.

Sythence the makyng of which Statute, and the ſolemniſation of ỹ ſayd marryage, the Queenes mooſt excellent maieſtie hath bene greatly moleſted, greued, & troubled, with often ſigning of letters patentes, gyftes, graunte, eſchaunges, leaſes, and other wrytynges concerninge and touchinge benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, made and graunted by, and from our ſayd ſouereygne Lorde the kynge, and her hyghneſſe, to ſondry of theyr mooſte louyng ſubiectes, to whome alſo it hath bene, and is, no ſmal charge to attende, vntyll ſuche tyme as they may procure and optayne the ſigne manuel of her highnes, vnto theyr ſayd letters patentes, gyftes grauntes, eſchaunges, confyrmations, and leaſes, without whiche ſigne, the ſame are vtterly voyde, by force of the ſaid Statute, to the great daunger, loſſe, and vtter vndoyng of dyuers perſons, that haue lately bought, purchaſed, or optẽyned of our ſayd ſouereygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and Quenes maieſties, dyuers landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, to theyr great coſtes and charges.

For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that the ſayd braunche and article, touchinge, or concernyng onely the ſigning of lettres patentes, gyftes, grauntes, eſchaũges, confirmations, leaſes, or of other wrytinges, for any landes, benefices, offices, reuenues, fruictes, or other hereditamentes, ſhalbe from henceforth clerely repelled, and made fruſtrate, and voyde, to al intentes, and purpoſes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that all, and ſyngular lettres patentes, touchinge, or concernyng any gyfte, graunt, eſchaunge, confirmation, leaſe, or other wrytynge, the whiche ſythence the ſayde marriage, hath paſſed, and be made of any benefices, offices, manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, fruytes, liberties, or other hereditamentes, or of any of them, in the names of our mooſt dread Souereygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and the Quenes maieſties (the warraunt or wryting, or warrauntes or wrytinges wherof beyng ſigned with her highnes ſigne manuell, in ſuch fourme, ordre, and degree, as the ſame heretofore haue ben accuſtomed to be ſigned, when her highnes was ſole, and vnmarried) ſhalbe by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, of the ſame lyke force, ſtrengthe, and effect in the law, to all intentes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as yf the ſame were, or had ben ſigned by her highnes ſigne manuell, and as if her maieſtie had ben at the tyme of the makyng therof ſole and vnmarryed, and as they were before the makynge of the ſayde acte. The ſayd eſtatute, or any braunche, or article therin conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

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An Acte for the reformation of excesse in apparell.

The.ij. Chapiter.

BEIT enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliamēt, that no person borne within this realme, or the dominions of the same, other then the sonne, & heyre apparaunt of a knight, or other then suche, as maye dispende.xx.li.by the yeare in landes, offices, fees, or other yearelye reuenues for terme of lyfe, or be worthe in goodes.ij.C.li.shall after the fyrste daye of Apryll nexte comming, weare anye maner of sylke, in, or vpon hys hatte, bonette, night cappe, girdle, skabarde, hoose, shoes, or spurre lethers, vpon payne of three monethes imprisonment, and forfayture of.x.li.for euery dayes wearyng, contrary to the tenour of this acte.

AND be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that Justices of Assises in their circuites, Justices of peace in their sessions, Shiriffes in their turnes, Stewardes in letes and lawe dayes, Maiors, Shiriffes, and Bayliffes of cities, Boroughes, and townes corporate in their courtes, shall, and maye enquire, heare, and determine from time to time, all, and euerye the sayd offences, committed, or done wythin the limittes of theyr seuerall iurisdictions, and aucthorities, and where any suche forfaytures shall happen to be founde wythin the precincte of anye citie, boroughe, towne corporate, lete, or lawe daye, then the Maior, Shiriffes, & Baylyffes of the sayd cities, boroughes, and townes, and owner of the sayde lete or lawe dayes, to haue the one moytie of the sayd forfaytures, and thother moytie to be to anye subiect of this realme, that wil sue for the same in any courte of recorde by action, information, byll, or otherwise, in whiche no wager of lawe, protection, or assoigne shalbe allowed. And where suche forfayture shalbe founde oute of any citie, boroughe, towne, lete, or lawe daye, that the moytie of all suche forfaytures shalbe to the kyng & Queenes maiesties, and the heyres of the Queene, and thother moytie thereof to any of their subiectes, that wyll sue for the same by byll, playnte, action, information, or otherwise in any courte of recorde, as is aforesaid, in the whych no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne shalbe admitted or allowed. And that all, and euery such person & persons, as haue aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, to heare and determine the premisses, may vpon the conuiction of euery suche offender, awarde processe vnto the Shiriffe of anye shire wythin this realme for the apprehension of the sayd offendour, whyche beyng apprehended, shalbe committed by the shiriffe vnto the gaole of the sayd shire, there to remayne wythout bayle or maynpryse, vntyll the sayd offendoure hathe payde the sayd forfayture, wherin he is so conuicted.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, conditiō, or degree soeuer he or they be, after the sayd firste day of Aprill next comming, knowing any seruaunt or seruauntes of his or theyrs, to offende contrarye to this acte, do not putte the same out of his or their seruice, but shall kepe in his or theyr seruice the same offendour or offendours, by the space of xiiii. dayes, next after suche knowledge had, or elles beyng so put out of his or theyr seruice, shall reteyne the same offendour or offendours to his or their seruice agayne within one yeare next ensuing the time of committing of any suche offence, the same person or persons, so keppyng or reteyning agayne, in, or to his or theyr seruyce, any suche seruaunte or seruauntes, offending contrary to the tenour of this Acte, as is aforesayd, shal for euery his or theyr offence, forfayt. C.li. of lawfull moneye of Englaude, the moytie whereof to be to the kynge and Queenes maiesties vse, and the heyres & successours of the Queene, and the other moytie to hym, that will sue for the same, in any courte of recorde, by action, bill playnt, information, or otherwyse, wherin no wager of lawe, essoygne, or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not extende to anye person, beynge of, or aboue the degree of a knyghtes sonne, or doughter, or beynge wyfe to any of them, nor to suche as haue bene, be, or shalbe Maior, Bayliffe, Alderman, or head officer in any citie, borough, or towne corporate, or to the wyfe of any of them, nor to anye of the kinges or Queenes seruauntes in ordinary wages attendaunt, and wearyng the kynges or Queenes ordinary liueries, but that they, and euery of them, may vse and weare as they, or any of them might lawfullye vse and weare, before the making of this acte.

Prouided also, that no person shalbe compelled by this acte, to put awaye his prentise or hyred seruaunte before thende of the terme before agreed betwene the, nor that anye mayster shall forfayte or loose any payne or forfayture for the keping of his prentise or hyred seruaūt after his offence, contrarye to this acte, vnto thende of the terme before agreed betwene them. Any thinge abouesayde to the contrarye, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that women maye weare in theyr cappes, hattes, gyrdels, and hoodes, as they, or anye of them myghte vse, and weare lawfully before the making of this acte.

¶ An Acte agaynst sedicious wordes and rumors.

The. iii. Chapiter.

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Where it is contayned, as well in the Statute of Westm. the firste, as in the Statute made at Gloucester the seconde yeare of the raygne of kynge Rycharde the seconde, ꝑ no man shuld be so hardye, to contryue, speake, or tell anye false newes, lyes, or other suche lyke false thynges of Prelates, Dukes, Earles, Barons, and other nobles & Peares of the realme, or of the Chauncelour, Treasurer, Clerke of the priuie seale, Steward of the kinges houshold, Justice of the one bancke, or of thother, or of anye other great officers of this Realme. And that euery suche offendour shulde be taken, and imprisoned, vntill suche time, as he had brought him or them forth, which did speake the same. And where also at a Parliament holden at Cambridge, in the .xij. yeare of the raygne of the sayde kynge Richarde, it was also enacted, that where anye suche offendour, as is aforesayde, shulde be taken and imprisoned, and coulde not fynde hym, of whome he hearde those newes, whiche he spake, as is aforesayde, that then the same speaker shoulde be punished by thaduice of the counsell, as by the same Actes amongest other more playnelye doe, and maye appeare

Be it enacted by thauctorite of this present Parliament, that all, and euerye the sayde former Actes and Statutes shall be, and remayne in their full force, strengthe, and effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And further, that Justices of the peace in euerye Shire, citie, and towne corporate, within the limittes of their seuerall commissions, shall by auctorite of this present Acte, haue full power to examen, heare, and determine the causes aboue sayde, in the sayde two first Actes specified, and to put the sayde two first Statutes, and euerye braunche in them conteyned in due execution, that from hencefoorth condigne punishment be not deferred from suche offendours.

And forasmuch as diuers and soundrie malicious and euil disposed persons maliciouslye, seditiouslye, rebelliouslye, and vnnaturally, contrary to the duetie of their fidelities and allegiaunces, haue nowe of late not onelye ymagined, inuented, practised, spoken, and spredde abroade diuerse, & sondrie false, seditious, and slaunderous newes, rumors, sayinges, and tales, agaynste oure moste dreade Soueraygne Lord and kyng, and agaynste oure most naturall Soueraygne Ladye and Queene, and agaynste eyther of them, of whome we are forbidden to thinke euyll, and muche more to speake euyl, whyche offence soundeth, and is as well to the great dishonoure, reproche, and sclaunder of their most excellent Maiesties, as also to the great sclaunder of this their realme, and other their dominions, but also haue deuised, made, wrytten, prynted, published, and set forth diuerse haynous, seditious, and slaunderous writynges, rymes, ballades, letters, papers, and bookes, intending and practisinge therby to moue and stirre seditions, discorde, discention, & rebellion within this realme, to the great

perill and daunger of the same.

FOR auoydyng whereof, be it enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf anye person or persons, after the. xx. daye of Februarye next ensuing, and after open Proclamation made of this Acte, shall maliciouslye, of his or their ymagination, speake anye false sedicious, & slaūderous newes, rumors, sayinges, or tales of our sayd Soueraigne Lord & King, or of our sayd most natural Soueraygne Lady & Quene, that then al & euery such person and persons so offendyng, being thereof conuicte or attaynted, in forme hereafter, in this Acte expressed, shall for euerye firste offence, in some markette place, within the Shire, Citie, or Borough, where, or neare vnto the place, where the sayd wordes were or shalbe so spoken, be sette openly vpon the pillorie, by ẏ Shiriffe or his ministers, yf it shal fortune to be without anye citie, or towne corporate. And yf it happen to be within suche citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue both his eares cutte of, onlesse he paye one hundreth poundes to the King and Queenes highnes vse, with in one moneth next after iudgemente giuen of his sayde offence, and also shal suffer imprisonment by the space of three monethes, after suche his or their execution.

And it is likewise enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that all, and euerye person & persons, whiche after the sayde daye, and after Proclamation made of this Acte, shall maliciouslye speake anye false, sedicious, and slaunderous newes, rumors, or tales, to the sclaunder and reproche of our sayd Soueraygne Lord the Kynge, or of our sayde moste naturall Soueraygne Ladye the Queene, of the speakynge or reportyng of anye other, that then all, and euerye suche person or persons so speakyng and reporting, being thereof conuicte or attaynted, in forme hereafter, in this acte expressed, shall for euerye suche offence in some market place, within the shire, citie, borough, or towne, where, or neare vnto the place, where the sayd wordes were, or shalbe so spoken & reported, be set openly vpon ẏ pillorie by the shiriffe or his ministers, yf it shal fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate. And yf it shal happen to be within such citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of suche citie or towne corporate, or his, or their ministers, and there to haue one of his eares cut of, onlesse he pay one hundreth markes to the kynges & Queenes highnes vse, within one moneth nexte after iudgement giuen of his sayd offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one moneth after his or their execution.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that yf anye person or persons shall after the sayd daye, and after Proclamation made, as is aforesayd, maliciouslie deuise, write, prynte, or set forth any maner of booke, ryme, ballade, lettre, or wrytyng, conteynynge anye

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false matter, clause, or sentence of sclaunder, reproche, and dishonoure of the king & Queenes maiesties, or of eyther of them, or to the encouragyng, sturryng, or mouyng of anye insurrection or rebellion within this realme, or any the dominions belonging to the same. Or whosoeuer shall maliciouslye procure anye suche booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or writing to be written, prynted, or set forth (and the sayd offence not being punishable by the Statute, made in the. xxv. year of the raygne of king Edward the thyrd, concerning treasons, or declaration of treason) that then, and in euerye such case, the offender and offenders therin, after hys or their conuiction or attaynder, shall for his or theyr fyrst offence, in some market place, within the shire, citie, or borough, where the sayd offence, is, or shalbe committed or done, by the shiriffe, or hys ministers, yf it shall fortune to be wythoute anye citie, or towne corporate, and yf wythin suche citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer, or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or by his or their ministers, haue his and their right hande stryken of.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons, being once lawfullye conuicted of any of thoffences aforesayde, nowe prouided to be punished by the execution of losses of eare, eares, or hande, as is aforesayd, do afterwardes, eftsones offend in anye of thoffences aforesayde, that then he or they so offendynge, shall suffer imprisonment, duryng hys or theyr lyues, wythoute bayle or maynprise, and forfeyte & loose to the king and Queenes maiesties, al his and their goodes and cattelles.

And it is also enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that Justices of oyer & determiner, within the limittes of their commission, Justices of assise in their seuerall circuites, Justices of gaole deliuery, and Justices of peace, as well within the liberties as without, within the limittes of their seuerall commissions, in their general sessions, or other sessions, which they or two of them, whereof one of them to be of the *Quorum*, maye, and shall appoynte at theyr pleasure, where, and when nede shall require, & shal by vertue hereof haue full power and aucthoritie to enquire, heare, and determine, all, and euery thoffences aforesayd, as in cases and triall of felonye. And that the partie indicted and arrayned, shall haue aduauntage of all maner of chalenges to the Jurye (peremptorye chalenge only excepte) as in triall of felonye.

And also that euerye Justice of peace within the limittes of his commission shal haue ful power and aucthoritie to committe anye person, being vehementlye suspected of any of the sayd offences, to ward, there to remayne without bayle or maynprise, vntyl he shalbe delyuered, accordyng to thys Acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons shalbe molested, or impeched for anye of thoffences, concernyng speaking, or reportyng, as is aforesayd,

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ondelle he or they be thereof accused and conuicted within three monethes, nexte after his or their sayde offence so committed or done. And in case anye person shalbe imprisoned for anye of the sayde offences, concernyng speakynge or reportyng, and not thereof conuicted, within three monethes, next after his offence supposed to be by hym done and committed, that then the person so imprisoned shalbe set at libertie, and no lenger deteyned in prison.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by authoritie aforesayd, that euerye suche Maiour, or Maiours, Bayliffes, and other heade officer and officers of cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, whiche haue, or hereafter shall haue iurisdiction and authoritie, within the seuerall limittes of their office or offices, to holde and kepe sessions, as Justice or Justices of the peace shal, and may by authoritie hereof, as well arreste and committe to warde, all, & euerye person and persons, being vehemently suspected of anye of thoffences aforesayde, as also to procede to the execution, hearing, and determining of euery the sayd offences, and to see, and make due execution thereof, accordyng to the purporte, meanyng, and effecte of this presente Acte. Anye thynge in the same acte heretofore made to the contrarye notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the sayd Justice of peace, as well within liberties as wythoute, the which shall for anye the offences aforesayd, committe anye person or persons to warde, as is aforesayd, shal within tenne dayes, nexte after suche committing, with one other Justice, whereof one of them to be of the Quorum, directe their precepte to the Shiriffe or Shiriffes of the countie, where thoffence shalbe committed, or to other ordinarye officer, yf it be within any citie, or towne corporate, where the Shiriffe can not intromytte, commaunding hym or them by the same to impanell and returne, as they shall assigne. xviii. good and lawful men of his or their bayliwyke or bayliwykes, to enquire of the sayde offence or offences the whiche anye suche person or persons shalbe so imprisoned for. And therupon wythin one moneth after the date of the sayd precepte, to procede and determine, as aboue is expressed. Euerye one of the same Justices, vpon the payne of. x. li. to be payed to the kyng & Queenes highnesses, as often as they shalbe founde in defaulte of anye the same.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that this Acte shalbe proclaymed in all the shyres within this realme, before the. xii. daye of Februarye next comming, to thintence that all persons maye haue notice thereof, and auoyde the peryll and daunger, that mighte ensue by offendyng agaynst the same. And this Acte to be onlye in force, vntyll the ende of the next Parliament, and no longer.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that none of the peares of this realme shalbe arested or imprisoned for anye of the sayde offences, but onlye by order or commaundemente,

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gyuen from the kyng and Quenes priuie counsayle, or of the heyres of the Queene, and that the sayd peares, and euery of them, that shall hereafter fortune to be indicted of any thoffences aforesayd, shalbe tried by theyr peares, as before hath ben accustomed in cases of treason or felonie.

¶ An Acte for the punyshment of certayne persons callyng them selues Egyptians. ¶ The. iiii. Chapter.

WHere in a parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xvii. yeare of the reigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde kynge Henry the eyght (for the auoyding and banyshinge oute of this realme of certayne outlandyshe people, callinge them selues Egiptians, vsinge no craft nor feate of marchaundises for to lyue by, but going from place to place, in great companies, vsyng great, suttle, and craftye meanes, to disceaue the kinges Subiectes, bearing them in hand, that they by palmistry coulde tell mens and womens fortunes, and so many tymes by craft and subtiltie, disceaue the people of theyr money, and committed diuers greate and heynous fellonies, and robberies, to the great hurt and distreat of the people). It was amongest other thinges then enacted, that from the tyme of the makynge of the sayd Acte, no suche personnes shoulde be suffred to come within this the kinges realme, vpon payne of forfayture to the kynge, all theyr goodes and cattels, and then to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within. xv. dayes next after the commaundement, vpon payne of imprisonment, and suche persons calling them selues Egiptians, as then were within this realme, shoulde depart within. xvi. dayes next after proclamation of the sayde Acte, vpon payne of imprisonment, and forfayture of all theyr goodes and cattels, with diuers other clauses, & articles conteined in ỹ sayd acte, as by the sayd Act more at large it appeareth. Forasmuche as diuers of the saide company, and suche other lyke personnes, not fearing the penaltie of the sayd Statute, haue enterprised to come ouer agayne into this realme, vsyng theyr olde accustomed deuelysh, and noughty practises and deuises, with suche abhominable liuinge, as is not in any Christian realme to be permitted, named, or knowen, and be not duely punyshed for the same, to the perillous and euyl example of our soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and the Queenes maiesties mooste louynge subiectes, and to the vtter and extreme vndoynge of dyuers and many of them, as euidently doth appeare.

For reformation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge and Quene our soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons, after the

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last daye of January next comming, do willyngly transporte, brynge, and conuey into this realme of England, or Wales, any such persons callynge them selues, or commonly called Egyptians, that then he or they, so transportinge, bringing, or conueyinge in, anye suche persons, contrary to the true meaninge of this acte, shall forfeyt and lose for euery tyme so offendyng, forty poundes of lawfull money of England.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf anye of the sayd persons called Egyptians, whiche shalbe transported and conueyed into this realme of England or Wales, as is aforesayde, do continue and remayne within the same, by the space of one moneth, that then he or they so offendinge, shall by vertue of this acte, be deemed and adiudged a fellon, and fellons, and shall therefore suffer paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes, as in cases of fellony, by thordre of the common lawe of this realme, and shall vpon the tryall of them, or any of them, therein be tryed in the countie, and by thinhabitauntes of the countie or place, where they or he shalbe apprehended or taken, and not *Per medietatem linguæ*, and shall lose the benefite and priuilege of saynctuary and clergye.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yf the Egiptians, and other persons, commonly callyng them selues Egyptians, and euery of them, now beyng within this realme of England, or Wales, do not depart out of the same within. xx. dayes nexte after proclamation of this presente acte shalbe made, that then he or they whiche shall not departe within the sayd tyme, accordinge to the true meanyng of this Acte, shall forfeyte and lose all his and theyr goodes and cattels, and that then it shalbe lawfull to all and euery the kynge and the Quenes subiectes, to sease the same, thone moytie thereof to be to the vse of oure soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kinge and the Quene, and thother moytie thereof to be to the vse of him or them that shall so sease the same.

And be it also enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yf the Egyptians, and other persons commonly called Egyptians, and euerye of them, nowe beyng within this realme of Englande or Wales, do not departe out, and from the same, within. xl. dayes next after proclamation shalbe made of this acte, that then he or they, whiche shall not departe, and auoyde within the sayd tyme of. xl. dayes, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte, shalbe adiudged and deemed accordyng to the lawes of this realme of England, a fellon, and fellons, and shal suffer therefore paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes, as in other cases of felony, and shalbe tryed as is beforesayd, and without hauing any benefite or priuilege of Saynctuary or clergye.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that yf anye person after the fyrst day of January next commynge, shall sue for the obteyning of any licence, lettre, or pasporte, for anye of the sayde persons

sons called Egyptians, to abide or cōtinue within this realme of Englande, or Wales, contrary to the tenour of this acte, that then euerye suche person so suing, shall forfayte and loose for the same forty poundes of lawfull moneye of England, and that euery such licence, letter, & pasport, shalbe by vertue of this acte voide, to al intentes and purposes, thone moytie of all which summes of moneye to be forfayted, as is before sayd, shalbe to the King and Queene our Soueraigne Lord and Ladye, and thother moytie thereof to be to hym or them, that wil sue for the same, in any courte of recorde, by action of dette, bil, plainte, or information, wherein anye essoygne, wager of lawe, nor protection, shalbe admitted or allowed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that thys present acte, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende, nor be hurtfull to anye of the sayd persons, commonlye called Egyptians, whiche within the sayd time of .xx. dayes nexte after the sayd proclamation to be made, as is before sayd, shal leaue that noughtye, ydle, and vngodly lyfe, and companie, and be placed in the seruice of some honeste and able inhabitaunte or inhabitauntes, within thys realme, or that shall honestlye exercise him selfe in some lawfull worke or occupation, but that he or they so cōtinuyng in seruice, or other lawfull worke or occupation, shall duryng suche tyme as he or they shall so continue, be discharged of all paynes, and forfaytures, contayned in thys acte.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this acte shall not in any wyse extende to any chylde or chyldren, being not aboue the age of .xiiij. yeares, nor to any of the sayd persons, beyng nowe in pryson, so that he or they, so being in pryson, do departe out of this realme, within .xiiij. dayes nexte after his or their delyuerye out of pryson, nor shall extende to charge anye maner of person or persons, as accessarye to anye offence or offences, contained or specified in this estatute.

¶ An Acte to restrayne carying of corne, victualles, and woode ouer the sea.

The .v. Chapiter.

Where as sondrye good estatutes and lawes hathe bene made wythin thys realme in the time of the Queenes highnes most noble progenitors, ẏ none shoulde transporte, carye, or conueye oute of this realme into anye place in the parties beyond the seas any corne, butter, cheese, or other victuall (except onlye for the victeling of the townes of Callys, Hames, and Guysnes, and the marches of the

same, vpon diuerse great paynes and forfaytures in the same conteyned, that notwithstandinge many and sondrye couetouse and vnsaciable persons, seking theyr onely lucres and gaynes, hath, and daylye doth cary and conueye innumerable quantitie, as wel of corne, cheese, butter, & other victual, as of wood out of this realme, into the parties beyonde the seas. By reason whereof the sayd corne, victuall, & wood are growen vnto a wonderfull dearth, and extreame prices, to the great detriment of the common welth of this youre highnes realme, and youre kayth full subiectes of the same.

For remedye whereof it may please youre highnesse that it be enacted, and be it enacted by youre highnesse, by the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, after the .xx. daye of Januarye next comminge, shall carye and transporte out of this realme by anye shippe, crayer, or other vessell, whatsoeuer, into any place in the parties beyonde the seas, or into the realme of Scotland, any wheat, rye, barleye, or other corne or graine, growynge within this realme, or any malte made within the same, or any bere, butter, cheese, herring, or wood (except onlye to, and for the victelyng and furniture of the townes of Callys, Hames, & Guysnes, and the towne of Berwyke, and the marches of the same) wythoute sufficient and lawfull authoritie so to do, vpon the paynes and penalties hereafter ensuynge, that is to saye, the owner, and owners of the sayd shippes and other vessels, to forfayte the sayd shippes, crayers, and other vessels, with al theyr apparalles, to them and euery of them belongynge, wherein the sayde corne, butter, cheese, herrynge, victuall, or wood shalbe so transported and caryed, and the owners and owner of the said corne, butter, cheese, herring, and wood, to forfayte the double value of the same, so caried and conueyed, and the maister and marenours of euery of the sayd shippes, crayers, and vessels for euery suche offence, to forfayt all theyr goodes, and to be imprisoned, by the space of one whole yeare, without bayle or maynprise.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons, after the sayd .xx. daye of Januarye, do carye and conueye awaye by bote, crayer, or other vessell, or otherwyse, anye wheate, rye, barleye, malte, or other corne or grayne, or any bere, butter, cheese, herryng, or wood to any shippe or vessel, beyng on the seas, or within anye hauen, creke, or other place of the border of thys Realme to be transported, caryed, and conueyed into anye place in the parties beyonde the seas, or into the realme of Scotland, without sufficient authoritie so to do, that then euerye owner of the sayde victualles, corne, and other thinges aboue sayd so transported or caried, and the owner and owners of euerye suche bote or vessell, and the botemen and mareners of the same, shall loose, forfayte, and suffer all

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ſuche forfaytures, paynes, and penalties, as is aboue rehearſed, thone moytie of all, and euery, whiche forfayture or forfaytures to be to the kyng and queenes hyghnes, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, and thother moytie to hym or them, that wyll ſue for the ſame by bill, information, action of debte, or otherwyſe in anye of the kynge and Quenes hyghnes courtes of recorde, in whyche action, bill, or ſuite the defendaunt ſhall not wage hys lawe, nor haue any eſſoygne or protection to hym allowed.

And be it enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayd, that yf any perſon or perſons ſhall obteine of the kyng and queenes maieſties, theyr heyres or ſucceſſours, or of any of them, any licence to carie and tranſport any corne, victuall, or wood, into any parties beyonde the ſeas, that yf he, or they, to whome any ſuche licence ſhalbe graunted, or any other, to whome ſuch perſon or perſons, hauyng ſuch licence, ſhal giue graunte, or ſell his or their ſayd licence vnto, ſhal carye, and conueye, or cauſe to be caried and conueyed any more corne, victuall, or wood, then ſhalbe conteyned in his or their ſaid licence, ſhall forfayte the triple value of the ſayd corne, victuall, or wood ſo caried, and tranſported, wythoute ſuffitient auctoritie, & ſhall ſuffer impriſonment for one whole yeare, in the common gaole, where he ſhalbe apprehended, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprile.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that no maner of perſon or perſons, after the ſayd .xx. daye of January, that ſhall obteyne, or haue any ſuche licence for tranſportyng and caryage anye corne, victuall, or wood into any parties beyonde the ſeas, ſhal ſhippe, lade, and fraught the ſame, or anye parte therof, at ſondrye places within this realme, but at one place certayne, vpon paine of forfayture of the ſayd corne, victuall, & woode, and all his goodes & cattels, thone moytie thereof to the king and queenes maieſties, theyr heyres, and ſucceſſours, and thother moytie to hym or them, that wyll ſue for the ſame by action of debte, bill, playnte, information, or otherwyſe, wherin no wager of lawe, eſſoygne, or protection ſhall be to hym or them allowed.

And for the better execution of this acte, be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſaid, that all, and ſinguler Juſtices of peace, as wel wythin the liberties as without, within their ſeuerall auctoritie and commiſſions at any tyme, within three yeares next after ſuche offences committed, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie to enquire as well by the othes of twelue lawful men, as alſo to heare and examine the maiſter, maiſters and mariners of the ſayde ſhippes, crayers, & other veſſels, and all, and euery other perſon and perſons, of al, and ſinguler thoſe offenders againſt this preſent Acte, and to heare and determyne the ſame offences, as they maye, and ought to heare and determine anye other treſpaſſes, or offences.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that at all time and times hereafter, when the commen pryce of corne within thys realme is, that wheate shal not exceade the pryce of. bj. s. viij. d. the quarter, and rye. iiij. s. the quarter, and barleye. iij. s. the quarter, it shalbe lawful to euery person and persons to carye & transporte ouer the sea to any place beyonde the seas at their pleasure any of the sayd kyndes of corne, so that it be not to the kyng and Queenes enemies.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that this Acte, ne any thing therin contayned, shal extend to any person or persons, for the necessarye victeling of any shyppe shyppes, or other vessels, but that they, and euery of them, may victayle the sayd shippes and vessels, as they myght haue done before the makyng of thys present acte. Thys acte or anye thyng therein contayned to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or anye thinge therin contayned, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtefull vnto the Lorde great Admirall of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to the kinge and Queenes maiesties iurisdiction of the Admiraltie, but that the sayd Lorde Admirall or his deputie, or deputies, maye, and shal exercise, vse, and execute all kynde of iurisdiction, belongynge to the sea, accordinge to his or their commissions, as they might lawfully haue done heretofore. This acte, or any thynge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Acte for the reuiuinge of three Estatutes made for the punyshment of heresies.

The .vi. Chapiter.

For the eschuing and auoydinge of errours and heresies, which of late haue ryssen, growen, and muche increased within this realme, for that the Ordinaries haue wanted auctho̅ritie to procede against those, that were infected therwith. Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by auctho̅ritie of this preset parliament, that the Statute made in the fyft yeare of the reygne of kynge Richarde the seconde, concernyng the arresting and apprehension of erronious and heretical preachers, and one other Statute, made in the second yeare of the reygne of kynge Henry the fourth, concernynge repressyng of heresies, and punyshment of heretikes, and also one other Estatute, made in the seconde yeare of the raygne of kynge Henrye the fyft, concernyng the suppression of heresy, and lollardye, and euerye article, braunche, and sentence conteigned in the same three seuerall

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Actes, and euery of them, shal from the .xx. day of January next comming, be reuiued, and be in full force, strength, and effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes for euer.

¶ The tenor of the first Acte, made in the fyrst yeare of kynge Richarde, is as foloweth. Cap. b.

ITem forasmuch as it is openly knowen, that there be diuers euill persons within the realme, goyng from countie to countie, and from towne to towne, in certayne habites vnder dissimulation of great holines, and without the lycence of the ordinaries of the places, or other sufficient auctoritie, preaching dayly, not only in churches and churcheyardes, but also in market tes, fayres, and other open places, where a greate congregation of people is, diuers sermons conteyninge heresies, and notorious errours, to the great emblemisshynge of the Christen fayth, and destruction of the lawes, and of the estate of holye churche, to the great perile of the soules of the people, and of all the realme of England, as more playnly is founde, and sufficiently proued, before the reuerende father in God the Archebyshop of Canterbury, and the bishoppes, and other prelates, maisters of diuinitie, and doctours of Canon and of Ciuyle, and a great parte of the clergye of the sayd realme: specially assembled for this cause: whiche persones do also preache dyuers matters of sclaunder, to engendre dyscord and dissention betwyxt dyuers estates of the sayd realme, as well spirituall, as temporall, in exciteynge of the people, to the greate peryll of all the realme, whiche preachers cyted or sommoned before the ordinaries of the places, there to aunswer of that, whereof they be impeched wyll not obey to their summons and commaundementes, nor care not for their monicions nor sensures of the holye churche, but expresselye despyse them: And moreouer by theyr subtyl and ingenious wordes, do draw the people to heare theyr sermons, and do mayntayne them in theyr errours by stronge hand, and by great routes: It is ordeyned and assented in this present parliamente, that the kynges commissions be made and directed to the shyrryffes, and other ministers of our soueraygne Lorde the kynge, or other sufficient persons lerned, and according to the certifications of the prelates thereof to be made in the Chauncery from tyme to tyme, to arreste all suche preachers, and also theyr faytours, mayntepners, and abettours, and to holde them in arrest and stronge prison, tyll they wyl institye them according to the lawe and reason of holy churche. And the kynge wyll and commaundeth, that the chauncellour make such commissions at all tymes, that be by the prelates or any of them shalbe certified and therof requyred, as is aforesayde.

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¶ The tenour of the seconde acte, made in the seconde yeare of king Henrye the fourth, is as followeth. Cap. xv.

ITem where as it is shewed to our soueraygne lord the king on the behalfe of the prelates & clergye of his realme of Englande in this present parliament, that although the catholike fayth buylded vpon Christ, and by hys Apostles and the holy churche sufficiently determined, declared, & approued, hath bene hitherto by good and holy and most noble progenitours of our soueraygne lorde the kyng in the sayde realme amonges all the realmes of the worlde, most deuoutly obserued, and the churth of England by his sayd most noble progenitours and auncesters, to the honour of God and of the whole realme aforesayd, laudable endowed, & in her rightes and liberties sustayned without that that the same fayth or the sayde churche was hurte or greuously oppressed, or elle perturbed by anye peruerse doctrine, or wicked heretical or erronious opinions: Yet neuertheles diuerse false and peruerse people of a certayne newe secte, of the fayth of the sacramentes of the churche, and the auctoritie of the same damnably thinkyng, and agaynste the lawe of god and of the churche blurrpyng the office of preachyng, do peruerslye and maliciouslye in diuerse places within the sayd realme, vnder the colour of dissimuled holines, preache and teache these dayes openlye and priuelye diuerse newe doctrines and wicked heretical and erronious opinions, contrarye to the same fayth and blessed determinations of the holye churche. And of such secte and wicked doctrine & opinions they make vnlawful conuenticles and confederacyes, they holde and exercyse scholes, they make and wrvte bookes, they do wickedlye instructe and informe people, and as muche as they may excite and stirre them to sedition and insurrection, and maketh great strife and diuision among the people, and other inormities horrible to be heard dayly do perpetrat and committe, in subuersion of the sayde catholike fayth, and doctrine of the holye churche, in diminution of Gods honoure, and also in destruction of the estate, rightes, and liberties of the sayde churche of Englande, by whiche secte and wicked & false preachynges, doctrines, and opinions of the sayd false and peruerse people, not only most greatest perpl of the soules, but also manye more other hurtes, slaunders, and perpls (whiche God prohibite) might come to this realme, onlesse it be the more plentifullye and spedely holpen by the kynges maiestie in this behalfe, namelye where as the dyocesans of the sayde realme can not by theyr iurisdiction spirituall, without ayde of the sayd royal maiestie, sufficientlye correcte the sayd false and peruerse people, nor refrayne theyr malice, because the sayd false and peruerse people do go from dyoceys to dyoceys, and wyll not appeare before the sayd dyocesans, but the same dyocesans and their iurisdiction spirituall, and the

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layes of the churche, with the censures of the same, do vtterly renounce and despyse, and so theyr wicked preachinges and doctrines hath from daye to daye continue and exercise, to the hatred of ryghte and reason, and vtter destruction of ordre and good rule. Upon which wilfulties and excesses aboue rehearsed. The prelates, and clergye aforesayd, and also the commons of the sayd realme, beyng in the same parliament, prayeng our souerayngne lord the king, that his royal highnes wold vouchesaue in the sayd parliament to prouide a conuenient remedye, the same our souerayngne lord the kynge gratiously consideryng the premisses, and also the laudable steppes of his sayd moste noble progenitours and auncesters, for the conseruation of the sayde catholike fayth, and sustentation of goddes honoure, and also the safegard of the estate, ryghtes, and liberties of the sayd churche of Englande, to the laude of God, and merite of our sayd souerayngne lord the kyng, and prosperitie and honour of all his sayd realme, and for the eschewyng of such dissentions, diuisions, hurtes, slaunders, and perils, in tyme to come, and that this wycked secte, preachinges, doctrines, opinions shuld from hencefoorth cease, and be vtterly destroyed, by the assent of the states and other discrete men of the realme, beynge in the sayd parliament, hath graunted, stablished, and ordeyned from hencefoorth fermely to be obserued, that none within the sayd realme, or any other dominions, subiect to his royall maiestie, presume to preache openly or priuely, without the lycence of the dyocesan of the same place fyrst required and obteyned, curates in theyr owne churches, and persons hitherto priuileged, and other of the canon lawe graunted, only excepte. Nor that none from hencefoorth, anye thinge preache, holde, teache, or instructe openly or priuelye, or make, or wryte any booke, contrarye to the catholyke fayth, or Determination of the holye churche, nor of suche secte and wycked doctrines and opinions, shal make anye conuenticles, or in any wyse holde or exercise scholes. And also that none from hencefoorth in anye wyse fauoure suche preacher, or maker of any suche, and like conuenticles, or holding or exercising scholes, or makyng or writing such bokes, or so teaching, informing, or exciting the people, nor any of them maynteyne, or any wise susteyne. And that all and singuler hauing suche bookes, or any wrytinges of suche wycked doctrine and opinions, shal really with effect deliuer, or cause to be deliuered all suche bookes and wrytinges to the dyocesan of the same place, within .xl. dayes, fro the time of the proclamation of this ordinaunce and statute. And yf any person or persons, of whatsoeuer kind estate, or condition that he or they be, from hencefoorth do or attempte against the royal ordinaunce and statute aforesayd in the premisses or in any of them, or such bookes in the fourme aforesayd, do not deliuer, then the dyocesan of the same place in his dioceys, suche person or persons in this behalf defamed, or euidently suspected, and euery of them

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maye by the auctoritie of the sayd ordinaunce and statute cause to be arrested, and vnder sure custodye in his prisons to be deteyned, tyl he or they of the articles layde to hym or them in this behalfe, do canonycall purge hym or them selfe, or else suche wicked secte, preachinges, doctrines, and heriticall and erronious opinions do abiure, according as the lawes of the churche do require, so that the sayd dyocesan by hym selfe or his commissaries do openly and iudicially proceade agaynst such persons so arrested, and remayning vnder his sure custodye to all effecte of the lawe, and determine that same bulines according to the canonicall decrees within three monethes after the sayde arreste, any lawfull impediment ceassing. And yf any person in any case aboue expressed, be before the diocesan of the place, or his commissaries canonically conuicte: then the same dyocesan maye do to be kept in his pryson the sayde person so conuicte for the maner of his default, and after the qualitie of the offence according and as longe as to hys discretion shall seme expedient, and moreouer to put the same person to the secular court (except in cases where he according to the canonicall decree ought to be left) to paye to our soueraigne lord the kyng his pecuniar syne, according as the same syne shall seme competent to the dyocesan for the maner and qualitie of the offence, in whyche case the same dyocesan shall be bounde to certifie the kyng of the same syne in hys escheker by hys letters patentes, sealed with hys seale, to the effecte that suche syne by the kynges auctoritie may be required and leuyed to his vse of the goodes of the same person so conuicte. And yf any person within the sayd realme and dominions, vpon the sayde wycked preachynges, doctrines, opinions, scholes, and heretical and erronious informations, or any of them be before the diocesan of the same place or his commissaries sendentially conuict, and the same wicked secte, preachynges, doctrines, and opinions, scholes, and informations, do refuse duelye to abiure, or by the dyocesan of the same place or his commyssaries after the abiuration made by the same person pronounced fall into relapse, so that according to the holye canons he ought to be lefte to the secular courte, wherevpon credence shalbe gyuen to the dyocesan of the same place, or to hys commyssaries in thys behalfe, then the sheryffe of the countie of the same place, and Maior and Sheryffes or sheriffe, or Maior and bayliffes of the citye, towne, and boroughe, of the same countye next to the same dyocesan or the sayd commissaries, shall be personallye present in preferryng of suche sentences, when they by the same dyocesan or hys commissaries shalbe required: & they the same persons and euery of them, after such sentence promulgate, shall receyue: And them before the people in an highe place do to be brente, that suche punishment may stryke in feare to the myndes of other whereby no suche wycked doctrine and heretical and erronious opinions, nor theyr auctours and fautours in the sayd realme and dominions

minions agaynst the catholike fayth, christen lawe, and determination of the holy churche (whiche God prohibite) be susteyned, or in any wise suffred, in whiche al and singuler the premisses, concernynge the sayde ordinaunce and statute, the sheriffes, maiors, and baylyffes, of the sayd counties, cities, boroughes, and townes, shalbe attending, ayding, and supportyng, to the sayd diocesans and their commissaries.

¶ The tenor of the thyrd Acte made in the seconde yeare of kyng Henry the fyfte, is as foloweth. Cap. vii.

ITem forasmuche as great rumours, congregations, and insurrections, here in the realme of Englande, by dyuerse of the kyngrs liege people, as wel by them whiche were of the secte of heresie commonlye called lollardrye, as by other of theyr confederacie, excitation, & abettement, nowe of late were made, to the intent to annulle, destroye, and subuerte the christen fayth, and the lawe of God and holye churche within this same realme of Englande, & also to destroy the same our soueraygne lorde the kyng, and all other maner of estates of the same realme of Englande, as wel spiritu all as temporall, and also all maner of policie, and finallye the lawes of the lande: The same our soueraygne lord the kynge, to the honoure of god, and in cõseruation & fortification of the christen fayth, and also in saluation of his royall estate, and of the estate of all his realme, willing agaynst the malice of suche heretikes and lollardes to prouyde a more open remedy and punyshment then hath bene had and vsed in the case heretofore, so that for feare of the same lawes and punyshment, such heresies and lollardries may the rather cease in tyme to come, by the aduise and assent aforesayd, and at the prayer of the sayd cõmens, hath ordeyned and stablyshed: that fyrst the chaunceler, treasurer, Justices of the one benche and of the other, Justices of peace, sheriffes, mayors, and baylyffes of cities and townes, and al other officers, haupnge gouernaunce of people, whiche now be, or hereafter for the tyme shalbe, shal make an othe in takinge of theyr charges and occupations, to put theyr whole power & diligence, to put out and do to be put out, cease, & destroye al maner of heresies and errours, cõmenly called lollardries, within the places where they exercise theyr offices & occupations, frõ tyme to tyme with al theyr power, and that they assist the ordinaries and theyr cõmissaries, & them fauour & maynteine as often as they or any of them to that shalbe required by the same ordinaries or theyr cõmissaries, so that when the sayd officers & ministers, trauayl or ride to arrest any lollard, or to make assistence at the instaunce & request of the ordinaries or their cõmissaries by vertue of this statute, that the same ordinaries & cõmissaries shall pay for their costes reasonablye. And yᵗ the kynges seruices, to the which the same officers be fyrst sworne, be

preferred before all other statutes for the liberte of holy churche, & the
ministers of the same, and in especiall for the correction & punyshmente
of the heretikes and lollardes before this time made and not repelled
being in their force. And also that all persons cõuicte of heresie, of what
estate, condicion, or degree that they be, by the said ordinaries or other
cõmissaries left to the seculer power, accordynge to the lawes of holye
churche, shall loose and forfayte al theyr landes and tenementes, which
they haue in fee symple in the maner as foloweth, that is to saye, that
the kyng haue all the landes & tenementes, whiche the sayde conuictes
haue in fee simple, & holden of him immediatly as forfayte, & that the o-
ther lordes, of whome the landes & tenementes of suche conuictes be
holden immediatly, after that the kyng is so sealed & aunswered of the
peare, the daye, and the waste, haue liuery out of the kynges handes of
the landes & tenementes aforesaid of thẽ so holden, as it hath bene vsed
in the case of attaindre of felonye, except ỹ landes & tenementes, which
be holden of the ordinaries or their commissaryes, before whome anye
suche persons impeched of heresie be conuict, which landes & tenemẽ-
tes intierly shall remayne to the kyng as forfayte. And moreouer ỹ all
ỹ goodes & cattels of these persons so cõuicted, be forfayte to our soue-
rayne lord the kynge, so that no person conuict of heresy, & left to ỹ se-
cular power after the lawes of holy church, shal forfaite his landes be-
fore ỹ he be dead. And yf any such person so cõuict, be enfeffed be it by
fyne, by dede, or without dede, in landes or tenementes, rentes or ser-
uices, in fee or otherwyse, or hath any other possessiõs or cattels by gift
or graunt of any person or persons to anothers vse, thẽ to ỹ vse of such
conuictes, ỹ the same landes nor tenementes, rentes nor seruices, nor
such other possessions nor cattels shalbe forfayt to our soueraigne lord
the king in no wyse. And moreouer ỹ the iustices of the kinges bẽche, &
iustices of peace, & iustices of assise, haue ful power to enquire of all thẽ,
which hold any errors or heresies, as lollardes, & which be their main
teiners, receyuers, fauorers, & sustteiners, cõmen writers, of such boo-
kes as wel of ỹ sermons, as of their scholes, cõuenticles, cõgregations,
and conuenticles. And that this clause be put in cõmissions of ỹ Justi-
ces of ỹ peace. And yf any persons be endicted of any pointes aforesaid
the said Justices shal haue power to award agaynst thẽ a Capias, and
the sheryffe shalbe bound to arrest the person or persons so endicted as
sone as he may them fynd by him or by his officers. And forasmuche as
the cognisaunce of heresy, errours, & lollardries, belongeth to the iud-
ges of holy churche, and not to the secular iudges, such persons endic-
ted shalbe deliuered to the ordinaries of the places or to theyr cõmissa-
ries, by indentures bytwyxt them to be made, wythin. x. dayes after
theyr arrest, or ioner yf it may be, thereof to be acquyte or cõuict by the
lawes of holy churche, in case that these persons be not endicted of an
other thing, whereof the cognisaunce belongeth to the secular iudges

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and officers, in whyche case, after that that they be acquyte or delyuered before the secular Judges of suche thynges to the secular Judges belongyng, they shalbe sente in saufegarde to the sayde ordinaries, or to theyr commissaries, and to them delyuered by indentures, as before to be acquyte or conuycte of suche lollardyes, errours, or heresyes as is aforesayd, after the lawes of holye churche, and that wythin the terme aforesayde.

Prouyded alwayes that the sayde endicrementes be not taken in euydence, but for information before the spirituall iudges agaynste suche persons so endicted, but that the ordinaries commence their processe agaynst suche persons endicted in the same maner, as though no endictement were haupnge no regarde to suche endictementes.

And yf any be endycted of heresye, erroure, or lollardrye, and taken by the Sheriffe or other officer, he shalbe lette to mayneprise wythin the sayde tenne dayes by good suretie, for whome the sayd Sheriffes or other officers wyll aunswere, so that the sayde person or persones, whyche were so endycted, be readye to be delyuered to the sayde ordinaries, or to theyr commyssaries, before the ende of the sayde tenne dayes, yf he maye by anye meanes for sycknes. And euerye ordinarye shall haue sufficient commissaries or commissarie dwellynge in euerye countie in a place notable, so that yf anye suche person so endicted be taken, that the sayde commissaries or commissarie maye be warned in the notable place, where he dwelleth, by the Sheryffe or some of hys officers, to come to the kynges iayle in the same countie, there to receaue the same person so endicted by indentures as before. And that in the enquest in this case to be taken, the Sheriffes and other officers, to whome it belongeth, shall do to be empanelled good and sufficient persons, not suspected nor procured, that is to saye, that euery of them whyche shalbe so empanelled in suche enqueste, haue within the realme of England. C. ſ. of landes, tenementes, or of rente by yeare vpon payne to loose to the kynges vse. x. li. and they whych shalbe empanelled in such emquestes in wales, euery of them shal haue to the value of xl. ſ. by yeare. And yf any suche person be arrested, be it by the ordinarie, or by the kynges officers or ministers, & escape or breake the prison, before that he be acquyte before the ordinarie, the goodes and cattels, whyche he hadde the daye of suche arreste, shalbe forfayte to the kyng and hys landes and tenementes, whyche he hadde the same daye, sealed also into the kynges handes, the kynge shall haue the profytes thereof from the sayd daye, vntyll he be yelden to the prison frō whyche he escaped. And that the forsayd Justices haue full power to enquyre of all such escapes, breakyng of prison, and also of landes and tenementes, goodes, and cattels of suche persons so endicted.

Prouided also, that yf any suche person endicted do not returne to the sayd prison, and dyeth not conuicte, it shalbe lawfull to hys heyres

to entre into the landes and tenementes of theyr auncestre, wythoute anye other pursuyte makyng to the kynge for thys cause, and then all they whych haue liberties and fraunchises royall in Englande, as in the countie of Chester, the countie and libertie of Durham, and other lyke, and also all the Lordes, whych haue iurisdiction and fraunchises royall in Wales, where the kynges writtes do not runne, haue power to execute and put in due execution these articles, in all pointes by the or by theyr officers, in lyke maner as the Justices and other the kynges offices before declared shuld do.

¶ An acte that persons dwellyng in the countrey, shall not sell diuers wares in cities, or townes corporate by retayle.

¶ The .vii. Chapter.

WHere before this tyme the auncient cities, boroughes, Townes corporate, and markette townes within this realme of England, haue bene verye populous, & chiefly inhabited with marchauntes, artificers, and handye craftes men durynge which tyme, the chyldren in ỹ sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, & market townes, were ciuilye brought vp, and instructed, and also the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, kept in good order and obeysaunce, and the inhabiters of the same wel set on worke, and kept from ydlenes. By reason whereof, the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, dyd then prosper in riches, and great welth, and were as then not onely able to serue and furnysh the kynge and Queenes maiesties, and other theyr noble progenitours, kynges of this realme, aswell with great numbers of good able persons, and well furnyshed meete for the warres, as also then charged, and yet chargeable, with greate fee farmes, quyndemes, taxes, and dyuers other paymentes to the kyng and Queenes maiesties, whiche at this present they be not able to pay and beare, but to theyr vtter vndoyng, beyng fewe in nombre to paye and beare the same, but also the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are lyke to come very shortly to vtter destruction, ruyne, and decaye, by reason whereof the occupiers, lynnen drapers, woollen drapers, haberdashers, and Grocers, dwellynge in the countreyes out of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, do not onely occupye the arte and misterye of the sayd sciences, in the places where they dwell and inhabite, but also come vnto the sayd cities, boroughes townes corporate and market townes and there sel theyr wares, and take away the relief of the inhabitauntes of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes to the great decay, and vtter vndoynge of the inhabitauntes of

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the same, yf spedy reformation therein, be not had in time conuenient. For remedie whereof, and for the better amendement of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporat, and market townes, and to thende the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, maye be the better able to pay the sayd fee fermes, and also to beare the other ordynarye charges within the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and to furnyshe the kynge and Queenes maiesties, with numbers of able persons, lyke as they heretofore haue done in times past, in times of warre.

Be it therefore enacted by our soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and Queene, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by aucthoritie of the same, that any person or persons, whiche do nowe inhabit and dwell, or hereafter shall inhabite or dwel in the countrey any where, or county within this realme of Englande, out of anye of the sayde cities boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, from, and after ẏ feast of S. Michael tharchaunget next comming shall not sell or cause to be solde by retayle, anye wollen cloth, linnen cloth haberdashe wares Grocery wares, mercery wares, at, or within any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, or win the suburbes, or liberties of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, within this sayde realme of England (excepte it be in open fayres) vpon payne to forfeyte and lose for euery time so offending, the summe of .vi.s. viij.d. and the hole wares so solde, profered, and offered to be solde, contrarye to the forme, intent, and effecte of this present act, as aboue is sayd, the one moytie of all whiche forfaytures, to be to the vse of our sayd soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and Queenes maiesties, and the other half to hym or them that shall sease and sewe for the same in any of the kynge and Queenes courtes of recorde, by byll, playnt, action of debt, information, or otherwise, wher in no essoygne, protection, or wager of lawe, shalbe had or allowed.

Prouided alway, that this acte shall not in any wyse extende, nor be hurtefull to any person or persons, that brynge any of the sayd wollen cloth, lynnen cloth, haberdash, Grocery, mercery ware, or wares, to any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or markette townes, to be solde, or cause to be solde by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle, but they and euery of them may lawfullye sell the same, in as large and ample maner, fourme, and condition by whole sale in grosse & not by retayle, as they and euery of them, myght haue done at any tyme or tymes before the makyng of this act. Any thinge here in to the contrarye, notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwaye, that this presente acte shall not extende to anye person or persons, ẏ now dwel or inhabit in the country, or hereafter

shall dwell or inhabite out of any of the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, but that they , and euerye of them, at any tyme hereafter, when they, or any of them shalbe free of anye the guyldes, or liberties of any the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, and dwell or inhabite within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or marbette townes, that they and euery of them so being free, shall and may sell or cause to be solde any of the wares aforesayd, by retayle, in as ample and large maner, as they and euery of them might haue done, beynge free of the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes aforesayde, before the makyng of this Acte. Any clause or article in this acte to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to all persons, to sell or cause to be solde, by retayle or otherwyse, all maner of cloth, lynnen, or wollen, of their owne makyng, in euery citie, borough, towne corporate, and market towne within this realme, as freely and frauckly as they myght haue done before the makynge of this Acte. Any thynge in the same conteyned to the contrarye hereof notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaye, that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtefull to the liberties and priuilegis of the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxforde, or eyther of them. Any thinge in this Acte heretofore mentioned to the contrarye, notwithstandynge.

¶ An Acte repealinge all Statutes, articles, and prouisions, made Agaynste the Sea Apostolike of Rome, synce the .xx. yeare of Kynge Henry the eyght, and also for the stablyshment of all spirituall, and ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes conueyed to the laytie.

¶ The. viii. Chapter.

WHere as synce the .xx. yeare of Kynge Henry theyght of famous memorye, father vnto youre maiestie, oure moost naturall soueraygne, and gratious Ladye and Queene, muche false and erronious doctryne, hathe bene taught, preached, and wrytten, partly by diuers the naturall borne Subiectes of this realme, & partelye beynge brought in hether from sondrye other forreyne countreys, hath bene sowen and spred abroad within the same. By reason whereof as well the spiritualtie as the temporaltie of your highnes realmes and dominions, haue swerued from the obedience of the Sea Apostolyke, and declined from the vnitie of Christes churche, and so haue conti-

contynued, vntyl suche tyme as your maiestie beyng fyrst reysed vp by God, and set in the seat Royall ouer vs, and then by his diuine and gratious prouidence kuyt in marryage with the mooste noble & vertuous Prynce, the kynge our soueraygne Lorde your husbande, the Popes holynes, and the Sea Apostolike, sent hither vnto your maiesties (as vnto persons vndefiled, and by Gods goodnes preserued from the common infection aforesayde) and to the whole realme, the moost reuerend father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Poole, Legate de latere, to call vs home agayne into the ryght ways, from whence we haue al this longe while wandred, and strayed abroade. And we after sondrye, longe, and greuous plagues, and calamities, seynge by the goodnes of God our owne errours, haue acknowledged the same vnto the sayde moost reuerende father, and by hym haue bene, and are the rather at the contemplacion of your maiesties, receyued and embraced into the vnitie and bosome of Christes churche, and vpon oure humble submission and promysse made for a declaration of our repentaunce to repeale and abrogate such actes and Statutes as had bene made in parliament, synce the sayd .xx. yeare of the sayde kynge Henry the yght, agaynst the supremacy of the Sea Apostolyke, as in oure submission exhibited to the sayde mooste reuerende father in God, by your maiesties appeareth. The tenor wherof ensueth.

We the Lordes spirituall, and temporall, and the commons assembled in this present parliament, representynge the whole body of the realme of Englande, and the dominions of the same, in the name of oure selues perticulerlye and also of the sayd body vniuersally in this our supplication, directed to your maiesties with moost humble suit, that it may by your graces intercession and meane be exhibited to the mooste reuerende father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Poole legate, sent speciallye hyther from our mooste holye father Pope Julye the thyrde, and the Sea Apostolike of Rome, do declare our selues very sorye and repentaunte, of the scisme and disobedience, committed in this realme and dominiõs aforesayd, agaynst ẏ said Sea, Apostolyke, eyther by makyng, agreyng, or executing any lawes, ordinaunces, or commaundementes, agaynst the supremacie of the sayd Sea, or other wyse doyng or speakynge, that myght impugne the same: offerynge our selues, and promising by this our supplication, that for a token & knowledge of our sayd repentaunce, we be and shalbe alwayes ready, vnder, and with thauctorities of your maiesties, to ẏ vttermooste of our powers, to do that shall lye in vs, for the abrogation and repealynge of the sayd lawes and ordinaunces in this present parliament, aswell for our selues as for the whole bodye, whome we represente, where vpon we moost humblye desyre your maiesties, as personages vndefiled in thoffence of this body towardes the sayde Sea, whiche neuerthelesse God by hys prouidence, hath made subiecte to you, so to

set forth this our moost humble suite, that we maye obtayne from the Sea Apostolyke, by the sayde moost reuerende father, aswell perticulerlye, as generally, absolution, release, and discharge, from all daunger of suche censures, and sentences, as by the lawes of the churche we be fallen into. And that we may as chyldren repentaunt, be receyued in the bosome and vnytye of Christes churche, so as this noble realme, with all the members therof, maye in this vnitie, and perfecte obedience to the Sea Apostolyke, and Popes, for the tyme beynge, serue God and your maiesties, to the furtheraunce and aduauncemēt of his honour and glory. We are at the intercession of your maiesties, by thauctoritie of our holy father, Pope July the thyrde, and of the Sea Apostolyke, assoyled, discharged, and deliuered, from excommunication, interdictions, and other censures Ecclesiasticall, which hath hanged ouer oure heades for oure sayde defaultes, synce the tyme of the sayd scisme, mentioned in our sayd supplication. The whiche tyme the sayde Lorde Legate, and we, do al declare, recognise, and meane by this acte, to be onely synce the. xx. yeare of the reygne of your most noble father, kynge Henry theyghte. It maye nowe lyke your maiesties, that for the accomplyshment of our promysse made in the sayde supplication, that is, to repeale all lawes and Statutes, made contrary to the sayde suprematye, and Sea Apostolyke, duryngе the sayde scisme, the which is to be vnderstand, synce the. xx. yeare of the reigne of the sayde late kynge Henry theyght, and so the sayde lorde Legate doth accepte and recognise the same.

Where in the parliament begonne and holden at Westminster, in the. xxi. yeare of the raygne of the late kyng of moost famous memorye, kynge Henry theight, one acte was then and there made, agaynst pluralities of benefices, for takynge of farmes by spirituall men, and for noue residence, in the whiche acte amongest other thinges it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf any person or persons, at anye tyme after the fyrst daye of Apryl, in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousande fyue hundred and thyrtye, contrary to the same acte, shoulde procure and obtayne at the courte of Rome, or elles where, any licence, or lycences, vnyon, tolleration, or dispensation, to receaue and take anye more benefices, with cure, then was limitted and appoynted by the same acte, or elles at any tyme after the sayde daye, shoulde put in execution any suche licence, tolleration, or dispensation, before that time obteined, contrary to the sayd Acte, that then euerye suche person or persons, so after the sayd daye, suyng for hym selfe, or receauynge, and takyng suche benefice by force of suche licence, or lycences, vnyon, tolleration, or dispensation, that is to saye: the same person or personnes onely, and no other, should for euery suche default, incurre the daunger, payne, and penaltie of. xx. li. sterl. and shoulde also lose the hole profittes of euery suche benefice, or benefices, as he receaueth, or taketh

keth by force of any suche licence, or licences, vnion, tolleration, or dispensation. And where also in the sayde Acte it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf anye person or persons dyd procure, or obtayne at the Court of Rome, or elles where, any maner of licence, or dispensation to be non residente at their dignities, prebende, or benefices, contrary to the sayde Acte, that then euery suche person or persons, puttynge in execution any suche dispensation, or licence for hym selfe from the sayd fyrst daye of Apryll, in the sayde yeare of oure Lorde God, a M. fyue hundred, and thyrtye, shoulde runne and incurre, in the penaltie, damage, and payne of. xx. li. ster. for euery tyme so doynge, to be forfayted and recouered, as by the sayd Acte is declared. And yet suche licence, or dispensation so procured, or to be put in execution, to be voyde, and of none effecte, as by the same acte more playnelye it doth, and maye appeare.

Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this presente parliamente, that as muche onely of the sayd Acte as concerneth the articles, and clauses aforesayde, and al, and euery the wordes and sentences, conteyned in the sayde Acte, concerning the sayde articles, and clauses, and euerye of them, shall from henceforth be repealed, adnulled, reuoked, adnichilated, and vtterly made voyde for euer. Anye thinge in the sayde acte to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandynge.

And where also at the session of the same parliamente, holden vpon prorogation, in the. xxiii. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry theyght, one Act, entituled: the act that no person shalbe cited out of the diocesse, where he or she dwelleth, excepte in certayne caces. And where also at the sayde parliament, in the session holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, in the. xxiiii. yeare of the reigne of the sayd late kynge Henry theyght, one acte was made, that appeales in suche cases as hath bene vsed to be pursued to the sea of Rome, shoulde not from thensforth be had nor vsed, but within this realme. And where also at the sayd parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxi. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, and there continued by diuers prorogations, vntyll the. xiiii. daye of Apryll, in the xxvii. yeare of his reygne, one acte was made concerning restraintes of paymentes of annates, and fyrste fruytes of Archebyshoprykes, and Byshoprykes to the Sea of Rome. And where at a Session of the sayde parliamente, holden in the. xxv. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge, there was also made one acte, entituled: the submission of the clergye to the kynges Maiestie, and one other acte entituled, one Acte restraynyng the sayde paymentes of annates, or fyrste fruytes to the byshop of Rome, and of the electinge and consecratynge of the Archebyshoppes and Byshoppes within this realme. And one other acte was then and there made, entituled: an act concernyng the exoneration of the kynges subiectes, from exactions, and impositions

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before that tyme payde to the Sea of Rome, and for hauing licences, and dispensations within this realme, without suyng further for the same.

Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliamente, that the sayde seuerall actes made for the restraynt of the payment of the sayd annates, and fyrste fruytes, and all other the sayd Actes, made in the sayd. xxiiii. and. xxv. yeares of the reygne of the sayde late kynge, and euery of them, and al, and euery braunche, article, matter, and sentēce in them, and euery of them conteyned, shalbe by thauthoritie of this present parliament from henceforth vtterlye voyde, made frustrate, and repelled, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that al, and euerye these actes folowynge, That is to saye: one acte made at the session of the sayde parliament holden vpon prorogation at Westm. in the. xxvi. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kynge Henry theyght, entituled: an acte concerning the kynges highnes to be supreame head of the churche of England, and to haue auctoritie to reforme and redresse al errours, heresies, and abuses, in the same. And one other acte made in the same session of the same parliamente, entituled: an acte for nomination, and consecration of Suffragans within this realme. And one other acte made in the. xxvii. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kynge Henry the eyghte, entituled: an acte whereby the kynge shoulde haue power to nominate. xxxii. persons of his Clergye and Laye fee, for makynge of Ecclesiasticall lawes. And also one other acte, made at the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxviii. yeare of the reygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled: an acte extinguyshynge thauctoritie of the Bysshop of Rome. And one other acte made in the same parliamente, entytuled: an acte for the release of suche, as then had optayned, pretended lycences, and dispensations from the Sea of Rome. And also all that parte of the acte, made in the sayde. xxviii. yeare of the sayde kynge, entituled: an acte for the establyshmente of the Succession of the imperiall crowne of the realme, that conterneth a prohibition to marrye within the degrees expressed in the sayde Acte. And also one other Acte, made at the parliamente holden at Westminster, in the. xxxi. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henrye the eyghte entytuled: an acte auctorisynge the kynges hyghnes to make Bysshoppes by his letters patentes. And one other acte made in the session of the same parliament, begon in the sayd. xxxi. yeare, holden vpon prorogation, the. xxxii. yeare of the reygne of the sayde Kynge Henrye the eyghte, entituled: an acte concernynge precontractes of marryages, and touchynge degrees of consanguinitie. And one other act made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yeare of the reygne of the sayde late kinge Henry theyght, entituled: an act for

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the ratification of the kynges maiesties style, shall henceforth be repealed, made frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte. And where also at the sayd parliament holden at Westminster, in the .xxvb. yeare of the raygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, one other acte was made, entituled: an Acte concernyng the establyshment of the succession of the sayd king in the Imperial Crowne of this realme: In the which acte there is a fourme of a corporall othe, devysed and set forthe, that euerye subiecte of this realme, shoulde be bounde to take against the power, authoritie, and iurisdiction of the Sea of Rome. Be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of the sayd Acte, as toucheth the sayd othe agaynst the supremacie, and all othes therupon had, made, and gyuen, shalbe from henceforth vtterly voide, repealed and of none effect. And where also one other acte was made in the xxvbij. yeare of the raygne of the sayd late kynge Henry the eyght, entituled: an acte that doctours of ciuyll law, beyng married, myghte exercyse ecclesiasticall iurisdiction. Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte laste before mentioned, and all, and euery braunche, article, sentence, and matter, contayned in the same, shall from henceforth be repealed, and vtterly made voyde, and of none effect.

And where one other acte was made at the firste session of the Parliament, holden at Westminster, in the fyrste yeare of the raigne of king Edwarde the syxte, entituled: an acte for the repeale of certayne Statutes, concernyng treasons, felonies, &c. In the whiche acte amongest other thinges there is contayned certayne prouisions, paynes, penalties, and forfaytures, for, and againste suche, as shoulde by open preachinges, expresse wordes, sayinges, wrytyng, prynting, ouert dede, or acte affirme, or set forth, that the kyng of this realme for the tyme being, is not, or ought not to be supreame heade in earth, of the churches of Englande and Irelande, ne of any of them, or that the Bysshoppe of Rome, or any other person, or persons, other then the kynge of Englande for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be supreame heade of the same churches, or any of them, as in the same acte last before rehearsed, more at large is contained, and may appeare. Be it enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, that these clauses before rehearsed, and other of the sayd acte, concernynge the supremacie, and all, and euerye braunche, artycle wordes, and sentence, in the same soundynge, or tendyng to the derogation of the supremacie of the Popes holines, or the Sea of Rome, and all paynes, penalties, & forfaytures, made againste them, that should by any meanes set forth, or extolle the sayd supremacie, shalbe from henceforth vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all clauses, sentences, and articles of euery other Statute, or acte of Parliament, made sithens the sayd .xx. yeare of the raygne of kynge Henrye

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theyght, agaynſt the ſupreame auctheritie of the Popes holynes, or Sea Apoſtolike of Rome, or contrepning any other matter of the ſame effecte onely, that is repealed in any of the Statutes aforeſayde, ſhalbe alſo by auctheritie hereof from henceforth vtterly voyde, fruſtrate and of none effect.

And where we your moſt humble ſubiectes, the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and commons in this preſente parliamente aſſembled, haue exhibited to your Maieſties one other ſupplication in forme folowynge.

We the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, repreſentyng the whole bodye of this realme, reduced and receaued by your maieſties interceſſiō, to the vnitie of Chriſtes churche, and the obedience of the Sea Apoſtolike of Rome, and the Popes holynes gouernyng the ſame, make moſt humble ſuit vnto your maieſties, to be likewyſe meanes and interceſſours, that all occaſion of contention, hatred, grudge, ſuſpition, and trouble, both outwardly and inwardlye in mens conſciences, whyche myghte aryſe amongeſt vs, by reaſon of diſobedience, may by auctoritie of the Popes holynes, and by miniſtration of the ſame vnto vs, by the moſt reuerend father in God, ỳ Lord Cardinal Poole, by diſpenſation, toleration, or permiſſion reſpectiuelye, as the caſe ſhall require, be abolyſhed, and taken awaye, and by auctheritie ſufficient theſe articles folowyng, and generally all others, when anye occaſion ſhall ſo require, maye be prouided for, and confyrmed.

Fyrſt that all Byſhoprykes, cathedrall churches, hoſpitalles, colleges, ſchooles, and other ſuche foundations nowe continuing, made by auctheritie of Parliament, or otherwiſe eſtabliſhed, according to the ordre of the lawes of this realme, ſithens this ſcriſme, maye be confirmed and continued for euer.

Item that marriages made *infrà gradus prohibitos conſanguinitatis, affinitatis, cognationis ſpiritualis*, or whych myght be made voyde *propter impedimentum publicæ honeſtatis, iuſtitiæ*, or for anye other cauſe, prohibited by the canons onelye maye be confyrmed, and chyldren borne of thoſe marriages declared legitimate, ſo as thoſe marriages were made accordyng to the lawes of the realme for the time being, and be not directly agaynſt the lawes of God, nor in ſuche caſe, as the Sea Apoſtolike hathe not vſed to diſpence withall.

That inſtitutions of benefices, and other promotions eccleſiaſtical, and diſpenſations, made accordyng to the forme of the acte of Parliament, maye be lykewyſe confirmed.

That all iudiciall proceſſes, made before anye ordinaries of thys realme, or before any delegates vpon any appeales, according to thordre of the lawes of the realme, may be likewiſe ratified and confirmed.

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the tyme of the late ſciſme, concernyng the landes, and hereditamentes of Arche biſhoprykes, and Biſhoprikes, the ſuppreſſion, and diſſolucion of monaſteries, Abbayes, prioryes, chauntries, colleges, and al other the goodes and cattels of religious houſes. Synce the whyche tyme, the ryght, and dominion of certayne landes, and hereditamentes, goodes and cattels, belongynge to the ſame, be diſperſed abroade, and come to the handes, and poſſeſſions of diuerſe and ſondrye perſons, who by gyfte, purchaſe, exchaunge, and other meanes, accordynge to the order of the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, for the tyme beynge, haue the ſame. For the anoydinge of all ſcruples that might growe by any thoccaſions aforeſayd, or by any other wayes, or meanes, whatſoeuer: It maye pleaſe youre maieſties, to be interceſſours, and mediatours, to the ſayde mooſte reuerende father, Cardinall Pole, that all ſuche cauſes, and quarels as by pretence of the ſaid ſciſme, or by any other occaſion, or meane whatſoeuer, myghte be moued by the Popes holynes, or Sea Apoſtolyke, or by any other iuriſdiction Eccleſiaſticall, maye be vtterly remoued, and taken awaye, ſo as all perſons hauyng ſufficient conueyaunce of the ſayde landes, and hereditamentes, goodes and cattels, as is aforeſayde, by the common lawes, actes, or Statutes of this realme, maye withoute ſcruple of conſcience, enioye them wythout impechement or trouble by pretence of any generall counſayle, Cannons, or Eccleſiaſticall lawes, & cleare from all daungers of the cenſures of the churche.

And conformablie hereunto, the Byſhoppes and Cleargye of the prouynce of Cantorburie haue preſented to your maieſties a ſupplication, in this tenour that foloweth.

Nos Epiſcopi & Clerus Cantuarienſis prouinciæ in hac Synodo more noſtro ſolito, dum Regni parliamẽtũ celebratur, congregati, cum omni debita humilitate & reuerẽtia, exponimus Maieſtatibus veſtris, quòd licet Eccleſiarum, quibus in Epiſcopos, Decanos, Archidiaconos, rectores, & uicarios præfecti ſumus, & animarũ, quæ nobis & curæ noſtræ ſubiectæ ſunt, & earundem bonorum iuriſdictionum, & iurium, ex ſacrorum Canonum diſpoſitione, defenſores & curatores conſtituti ſumus, & propterea ipſarum bona, iuriſdictiones, & iura in pernicioſo huius Regni præterito ſciſmate deperdita & amiſſa, omni ſtudio, & totis noſtris uiribus, recuperare, & ad priſtinum Eccleſiarum ius reuocare, iuris remedijs niti deberemus: Nichilominus tamen habito prius per nos ſuper hac re maturo Conſilio, & deliberatione ingenuè fatemur, nos optimè cognoſcere, quàm hæc bonorum Eccleſiaſticorum difficilis, & quaſi impoſsibilis eſſet recuperatio propter multiplices, ac pene inextricabiles ſuper hys habitos contractus, & diſpo-

sitiones, & quòd si ea tentaretur, quies & tranquillitas Regni facilè perturbaretur, & unitas Ecclesiæ Catholicæ, quæ iam pietate, & auctoritate Maiestatum uestrarum hoc in Regno introducta est, cum maxima difficultate suum debitum progressum, et finem sortiri posset. Ideo nos bonum & quietem publicam priuatis commoditatibus, & salutem tot animarum prætioso Christi sanguine redemptarum terrenis bonis anteponentes, & non quæ nostra, sed quæ Iesu Christi sunt quærentes, Maiestates uestras enixè rogamus, eisq; humiliter supplicamus, ut reuerendissimo in Christo patri, domino Reginaldo Cardinali Polo, ad ipsas, & uniuersum hoc Angliæ regnum sanctissimi domini nostri, Domini Iulij, Papæ tertij, & Apostolicæ sedis de latere legato, hæc nomine nostro insinuare, & apud eum intercedere dignentur, ut in hiis bonis Ecclesiasticis in parte, uel in toto arbitrio suo iuxta facultates sibi ab eodem sanctissimo domino nostro Papa concessas, eorundem bonorum detentoribus elargiendis et relaxandis publicum bonum priuato, pacem & tranquillitatem dissidijs, & perturbationibus, atq; animarum salutem bonis terrenis præferre, & anteponere uelit. Nos enim in omnibus quæ ab ipso legato statuta, & ordinata circa hæc bona fuerint, exnunc, prout extunc, & econtra consensum nostrum præstamus, imo etiam ut in præmissis se difficilem aut restrictum reddere non uelit, maiestates uestræ nostro nomine eum hortari, & rogare dignabuntur. Insuper maiestatibus uestris supplicamus, ut pro sua pietate efficere dignentur, ut ea quæ ad iurisdictionem nostram, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam pertinent, sine quibus debitum nostri pastoralis officij & curæ animarum nobis commissæ exercere non possumus, nobis, superiorum temporum iniuria ablata restituantur, & ea nobis, & Ecclesijs perpetuo illesa & salua permaneant, & ut omnes leges, quæ hanc nostram iurisdictionem, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam tollunt, seu quouis modo impediunt, abrogentur ad honorem dei, & maiestatum uestrarum, & uniuersi huius Regni Spirituale, & temporale commodum, et salutem, certam spem etiam habentes, Maiestates uestras, pro sua singulari in ipsum deum pietate, proq; multis et insignibus ab ipsius Dei bonitate acceptis beneficijs necessitatibus, et incommodis huius sui Regni Ecclesiarum maximè curam animarum habentium nunq; defuturas esse, sed prout opus fuerit, consulturas atq; prouisuras.

Forasmuche as the sayde moost reuerende father, the Lorde Legate, at the intercession of your maiesties, hath by thauctorite of the Sea Apostolyke, sufficiently dispensed in the matters specified in the sayde seuerall supplications, as in his sayde letters of dispensation is conteyned more at large. The tenor wherof ensueth.

Reginaldus

Reginaldus miseratione diuina Sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmodin Sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ, Diaconus, Cardinalis Polus nuncupatus, ad Serenissimos Philippum & Mariam, Angliæ Reges, fidei defensores, & vniuersum Angliæ regnum, Sanctissimi Domini nostri Papæ, & sedis Apostolicæ de latere legatus, eisdem Serenissimis Philippo & Mariæ Regibus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cùm supremum consilium istius regni parlamentũ nuncupatum Maiestatibus uestris, per suos supplices libellos exposuisset, quòd pernicioci ssimo scismate, in hoc regno aliâs uigente, quod nunc dei misericordia, & maiestatum uestrarum pietate extinctum est, authoritatem ipsius parlamenti, nonnulli Episcopatus diuisi, & ex his aliquæ inferiores Ecclesiæ, in cathedrales erectæ, & scholæ, atque hospitalia fundata, necnon plurimæ dispensationes & beneficiorum prouisiones factæ fuerũt, ac multæ personæ quibus persuasum fuerat: Iuris Canonici dispositiones, hoc in Regno amplius locum non habere: inter se in gradibus consanguinitatis uel affinitatis de iure prohibitis, & alijs impedimentis Canonicis sibi obstantibus matrimonia, per uerba de præsenti contraxerunt, et multi actus iudiciarij, & processus, tam in primis, quàm ulterioribus instantijs super rebus spiritualibus, & Ecclesiasticis coram iudicibus tam Ordinarijs quàm delegatis, qui authoritate laicali procedebant, habiti & seruati, adsuper eis etiã sẽtẽtiæ latæ, et promulgatæ fuerũt, et bona ecclesiastica per diuersas eiusdem regni personas occupata, et apprehensa fuerunt. Quæ quidem licet ex sacrorum Canonum institutis irrita declarari possent, tamen si ad alium statum, quàm in quo nunc sunt, reuocarentur, publica pax, & quies uniuersi regni turbaretur, et maxima confusio oriretur, præsertim si dictorum bonorum possessores molestarentur, et propterea maiestatibus uestris humiliter supplicauerint, ut apud nos intercedere dignentur, ne premissarum rerum firmitati, et stabilitati, & simul huius Regni quieti, et tranquillitati de benignitate Apostolica prouidere uelimus. Cumque Episcopi quoque deindè, ac reliquus prouinciæ Cantuariensis Clerus totum fere corpus Ecclesiasticum regni representans, ad quos hæc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum causa maximè pertinet, exposuerint, quòd hæc bona alienes ecclesiarum reuocare non possunt, quin pax uniuersalis, & quies huius regni turbetur, ut causa fidei atq; unitatis Ecclesiæ, iam toto omnium consensu hoc in regno introducta, in maximum periculum adducatur, et propterea ipsi quoque supplicauerint, ut apud nos intercedere uelint, ut in his bonis Ecclesiasticis possessoribus relaxandus restricti et difficiles esse nolemus, maiestates autem uestræ, ad quas maxime spectat prouidere, ut regnũ ipsarũ potestati, regimini et curæ commissum in pace et tranquillitate conseruetur.

ſeruetur: His ſupplicationibus et poſtulatis cognitis et mature cõſideratis, iudicauerint ea omnia, et maxime illa, quæ in bonorũ eccleſiaſticorũ cauſa petuntur, pro cauſa fidei et pro pace publica, per nos debere ſine ulla dilatione cõcedi, et quẽadmodũ rogatæ fuerunt, apud nos intercedere dignatæ fuerint, prout in ſupplicationibus per idem ſupremum conſilium, et Epiſcopos ac clerum præfatum maieſtatibus ueſtris porrectis, atque in libello interceſſionis per eaſdem maieſtates ueſtras nobis ſimul cum alijs ſupplicationibus exhibito, latius apparet. Idcirco nos qui ad maieſtates ueſtras, et hoc nobiliſſimum ueſtrum regnum à Sanctiſſimo Domino noſtro Iulio Papa tertio ipſius et ſedis Apoſtolicæ de latere legati miſſi ſumus, ut regnum iſtud, quod iamd iu ab Eccleſiæ Catholicæ unitate ſeparatum fuerat, Deo et Eccleſiæ Chriſti, eiuſq; in terris uicario reconciliaremus: & ut ea omnia quæ ad pacẽ et tranquillitatem huius regni pertinerent, omni ſtudio procuraremus, poſtquam dei benignitate, et maieſtatum ueſtrarum pietate, per authoritatem eiuſdem Sanctiſſimi Domini noſtri Papæ, cuius uices hic ſuſtinemus, reconciliatio iam facta eſt, ut paci et tranquillitati regni præfati conſulamus, atque ut unitas eccleſiæ, ex qua ſalus tot animarum præcioſo Chriſti ſanguine redemptarum dependet, hoc in regno iam introducta corroboraretur, & ſalua permaneat, cùm utriuſq; rei ſtabilitatem in eo maxime conſiſtere, ſi horum Eccleſiaſticorum bonorum poſſeſſoribus moleſtia nulla inferatur quo minus ea teneant, tot et tam grauia teſtimonia nobis fidem faciant, et maieſtatum ueſtrarum interceſsio, quæ pro unitate Eccleſiæ, et ſedis Apoſtolicæ auctoritate hoc in regno inſtauranda tam ſtudioſè, et tam piè elaborarunt, eam quam par eſt auctoritatem apud nos habeat, et ut uniuerſum hoc regnum ſedis Apoſtolicæ maternam uerè indulgentiã, et charitatem erga ſe agnoſcat, et re ipſa experiatur: quoſcunq; ad quos infra ſcripta pertinẽt, à quibusuis excommunicationis, ſuſpenſionis, et interdicti, alijsq; eccleſiaſticis ſentẽtijs, cẽſuris, et pœnis à iure, uel ab homine quauis occaſione uel cauſa latis, ſi quibus quomodolibet innodati exiſtunt, ad effectum præſentium dumtaxat conſequendum harum ſerie abſoluentes, et abſolutos fore cenſentes, auctoritate Apoſtolica, per litteras Sanctiſſimi domini noſtri, domini Iulij Papæ tertij nobis conceſſa, et qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore præſentium diſpenſamus: quòd omnes et ſingulæ Cathedralium Eccleſiarum erectiones, hoſpitalium, et ſcholarũ fundationes tempore præteriti ſciſmatis, licet de facto et nulliter attẽtatæ in eo ſtatu, in quo nunc ſunt, perpetuo firmæ et ſtabiles permaneant, illiſq; Apoſtolicæ firmitatis robur adijcimus, ita ut non ea auctoritate, quà prius, ſed ea, quam nunc eis tribuimus, factæ ab omnibus cenſeantur, et cum

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omnibus & singulis personis regni prædicti, quæ in aliquo consanguinitatis, vel affinitatis gradu etiam multiplici, vel cognationis spiritualis, seu publicæ honestatis iustitiæ impedimento de iure positiuo introductis, & in quibus sanctissimus dominus noster Papa dispensare consueuit, matrimonia scienter vel ignoranter de facto contraxerint, ut aliquo impedimentorum premissorum, non obstante in eorum matrimonijs, sic contractis libere, & licitè remanere, seu illa de nouo contrahere possint, misericorditer in domino dispensamus, prolem susceptam, & suscipiendam legitimam decernentes, ita tamen ut qui scienter et malitiosè contraxerint, à sententia excõmunicationis, et ab incestus seu sacrilegij reatu, absolutionẽ â suo ordinario, vel curato, quibus id faciendi facultatem concedimus, obtineant, ac omnes Ecclesiasticas seculares, seu quorumuis ordinum regulares personas quæ aliquas impetrationes, dispensationes, concessiones, gratias, et indulta, tam Ordines quàm beneficia Ecclesiastica, seu alias spirituales materias prætensa auctoritate supremitatis Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ licet nulliter, & de facto obtinuerint, & ad cor reuersæ Ecclesiæ unitati restitutæ fuerint, in suis Ordinibus, & beneficijs per nos ipsos, seu à nobis ad id deputatos, misericorditer recipiemus prout iam multæ receptæ fuerunt, secumq; super his opportunè in Domino dispensauimus. Ac omnes processus in quibuscunq; instantijs coram quibuscunq; iudicibus, tam ordinarijs quàm delegatis, etiam laicis super materijs spiritualibus habitos & formatos, & sententias super eis latas, licet nulliter et de facto, quoad nullitatem ex defectu iurisdictionis præfato tantum insurgentem sanamus, illosq;, & illas auctoritate Apostolica confirmamus. Ac quibuscunq; huius regni personis, ad quarum manus bona Ecclesiastica ex quocunq; contractu seu titulo oneroso uel lucratiuo iam deuenerint, illaque tenuerint, seu etiam teneant, omnes & quoscunq; fructus ex eisdẽ bonis, licet indebitè perceptos, in totum remittimus & relaxamus. Volentes ac decernentes, quod dictorum bonorum Ecclesiasticorum tam mobilium quàm immobilium possessores præfati non possint in præsenti, nec in posterum, seu per consiliorum generalium, uel prouinciarum dispositiones, seu decretales Romanorũ pontificum Epistolas, seu aliam quamcunq; censurã ecclesiasticã in dictis bonis, seu eorundẽ possessionẽ molestari, inquietari, uel perturbari, nec eis aliquæ cẽsuræ uel pœnæ ecclesiasticæ propter huiusmodi detentionem, seu non restitutionẽ irrogari uel infligi, & sic per quoscunque iudices, & auditores sublata eis, quauis aliter iudicandi & interpretandi facultate, et auctoritate iudicari & diffiniri debere, & quicquid secus attemptari contigerit, irritum & inane fore decernimus, non obstantibus præmissis defectibus, & quibuscunq;

Apostolicis, ac in prouincialibus, et sinodalibus concilijs editis, specialibus uel generalibus constitutionibus, & ordinationibus, cæterisque contrarijs quibuscunque. Admonemus tamen cùm diuisio Episcopatuum, & erectio Cathedralium Ecclesiarum sint de maioribus causis, quæ summo pontifici suntre seruatæ, recurrendum esse ad suam Sanctitatem, & ab ea suppliciter postulandum, ut hæc confirmare, seu de nouo facere dignetur. Et licet omnes res mobiles Ecclesiarum indistinctè ijs, qui eos tenent relaxauerimus; eos tamen admonitos esse uolumus, ut ante oculos habentes diuini iudicij seueritatem contra Balthasarem Regem Babilonis, qui uasa sacra non à se, sed à patre è templo ablata in prophanos usus conuertit ea proprijs Ecclesijs si extant, uel alijs restituant. Hortantes etiam, & per uiscera misericordiæ Iesu Christi obtestantes eos omnes, quos hæc res tangit, ut salutis suæ non omnino immemores, hoc saltem efficiant, ut ex bonis Ecclesiasticis, maxime ijs, quæ ratione personatuum & uicariatuũ populi ministrorum sustentationi fuerint specialiter destinata, seu alijs Cathedralibus, & alijs quæ nunc extant, inferioribus Ecclesijs curam animarum exercentibus ita prouideatur, ut earum pastores, personæ & uicarij commodè, & honeste iuxta eorum qualitatem, & statum sustentari possint, & curam animarum laudabiliter exercere, & onera incumbentia congruè supportare. Datum Lambeth prope Londinum VVintonieñ. Diocess. Anno Natiuitatis domini Millesimo, quingentesimo, quinquagesimo quarto. Nono Cal. Ianuarij Pontif. Sanctissimi in Christo patris, & Domini nostri, Domini Iulij, diuina prouidentia Papæ tertij. Anno quinto.

Reginaldus Cardinalis Polus Legatus.

We the sayd lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in thys present parliament assembled, rendryng most humble thankes to your maiesties, by whose intercession and meanes we haue obteyned the sayd dispensations of the popes holynes by the sayd moste reuerende father in God, hys legate, most humbly besecheth the same, that it may be ordeined as foloweth.

And therfore be it enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliamẽt, that al, & singuler articles & clauses, conteined in the said dispensation, as well touchyng the establyshment of Bysshoprykes, and cathedrall churches, as also the confirmation of marriages in degrees prohibited by the cauons of the churche, the legittimation of chyldren, and the ratification of processe, and of sentences in matters ecclesiasticall, touchyng the inualiditie of them for wante of iurisdiction, and the institutions and destitutions, of, and in benefices and promotions ecclesiasticall, dispensations, and graces, gyuen by suche order, as the publyke lawes of the realme then approued, and all other thynges before

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contayned in the sayd letters of dispensation, shall remayne and be reputed and taken, to all intentes and constructions in the lawes of this realme, lawfull, good, and effectuall to be alledged and pleaded in all courtes ecclesiasticall and temporall, for good and sufficiente matter, eyther for the playntife or defendaunt, without any allegation, or objection, to be made against the validitie of them, by pretence of any generall counsayle, canon or decree, to the contrarye made, or to be made in that behalfe.

And where as diuerse and sondrye late Monasteries, Priories, Commaundries, Nonneries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colleges, Hospitalles, Howles of Friars, Chauntreys, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and the manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, rectories, tithes, pentions, portions, vicareges, churches, chappels, aduoulsons, nominations, patronages, annuites, rentes, reuertions, seruices, and other possessions, and hereditamentes to the sayd late monasteries, priorye, nonnerye, commaundries, deanerye, chauntrye, prebendes, houles of Fryars, colleges, hospytalles, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and to sondrye Archebyshoprikes and Byshoprykes wythin thys realme, late appertaynynge and belongynge, came aswell to the handes & possession of the sayd kyng of famous memorye Henrye theyghte, father vnto your maiestie, our sayde loueraygne Ladye by dissolution, gyfte, graunte, surrendre, attayndre, or otherwyse, as also to the handes and possession of diuerse and sondrye other persons, and bodyes polytyke and corporate, by sondrye meanes, conueyaunces, and assurauncs, according to the order of the lawes and statutes of this realme.

And where also diuerse manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes perteil of the possessions of Archebyshoprikes and Byshoprykes, and manye and sondrye late deanerye, colleges, chauntreys, rectorye, Prebendes, free chappelles, guyldes, and fraternities, manours, houles, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, and other ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels to the sayd Archebyshoprikes, Byshoprykes, deanerye, colleges, chauntreys, free chappelles, rectories, guyldes, and fraternities, late appertaynynge, and belonging, or appoynted, to and for the fyndynge of prestes obytes, lyghtes, or other lyke purpose, came as well to the handes & possession of the late noble King Edward the syxt, brother vnto your maiestie louerayne Ladye, by vertue of an acte of parliament therof made, or otherwyse, as also to the handes and possession of diuerse and sondrye other persons, and bodies polytyke and corporate by sondrye meanes, conueyaunces, and assurauncs, according to the order of the lawes of this realme: a great nombre, of which sayd late monasteries, priories, nonnerye, commaundries, deanries, colleges, hospitalles, prebendes, chauntries, free chappelles, guyldes,

and fraternities, and the mannours, graunges, meſuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, ſeruyces, tythes, pentions, portions, vicareges, churches, chappelles, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, annuities, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, to the ſayd monaſteries, priorys, nonnerys, commaundries, deanerys, colleges, hoſpitalles, chauntrys, free chappelles, guyldes, fraternities, and other eccleſiaſticall houſes, Archebyſſhoprykes, and Byſſhoprykes, belonging as well for great ſommes of money, as for other good, and reaſonable cauſes and conſiderations, haue bene conueyed and aſſured to diuerſe the ſubiectes, and bodyes polityke of thys realme, aſwel by the ſayd kyng Henrye theyght, the ſayd kyng Edward the ſyxte, and by your hyghnes our ſoueraygne Ladye, and ioyntely by both your maieſties, as alſo by diuerſe the owners of the ſayd eccleſiaſticall poſſeſſions, whych ſayd conueyaunces and aſſuraunces by their ſondrye letterspatentes, and other wrytynges more playnlye do and maye appeare. Forasmuche as the ſayd moſt reuerende father hath alſo by the ſayd diſpenſation, remoued and taken awaye al matter of empeachement, trouble, and daunger, whych by occaſion of anye generall counſayle, canon, or decree eccleſiaſticall myghte touche and diſquiete the poſſeſſions of ſuche goodes moueable, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes, as were of late belongyng to anye of the ſayde Archebyſſhoprykes, Byſſhoprykes, monaſteries, priorys, nonneries, commaundries, deanerys, colleges, chauntries, prebendes, rectories, hoſpitalles, houſes of fryars, or other religious and eccleſiaſticall houſes, and places, of what nature, name, kind, or qualitie ſoeuer they be of. Yet for that the tytle of all landes, poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes in thys your maieſties realme and dominions is grounded in the lawes, ſtatutes, and cuſtomes of the ſame, and by your hyghe iuriſdiction, auctoritie royall, and crowne imperiall, and in your courtes onlye to be impleaded, ordered, tryed, and iudged, and none otherwyſe, and vnderſtandyng, that the whole, full, and moſte gracious intente, mynd and determination of your moſt excellent maieſties be, that al, and euery perſon and perſons, bodyes polityke and corporate, theyr heyres, ſucceſſours, and aſſignes, and euerye of them, ſhall haue, kepe, retayne, and enioye all, and euerye their eſtates, ryghtes, poſſeſſions, and intereſtes, that they and euerye of them nowe hathe, or hereafter ſhall haue, of, and in all and euery the mannours, graunges, meſuages, landes, tenementes, tithes, pentions, portions, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuercions, ſeruices, hundredes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchelies, and other the poſſeſſions and hereditamentes of the ſayd monaſteries, abbeyes, priorys, nonnerys, commaundries, deaneries, colleges, prebendes, hoſpitalles, houſes of fryars, chauntries, rectories, vicareges, churches, chappelles, Archebyſſhoprykes, and Byſſhoprykes, and other religious or eccleſiaſticall

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houses and places, or of anye of them within this realme, or the dominions of the same by suche lawes and statutes, as were in force before the fyrste daye of this present Parliamente, and by other lawfull conueyaunce to them thereof made.

That it may be therefore enacted by thauctoritie of this presente parliament, that aswell your maiestie soueraygne Lady, youre heyres and successours, as also all, and euery other person and persons, bodyes polytyke and corporate, theyr heyres, successours, and assignes, now hauyng, or that hereafter shall haue, holde, or enioye any of the scytes of the sayde late monasteries, and other the religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, and all the sayd mannours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, tythes, pentions, portions, glebe landes, aduoysons, nominations, patronages, annuites, rentes, reuertions, seruices, hundredes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchesies, profytes, cõmodities, and other the possessions and hereditamentes of the said late monasteries, abbeyes, priorves, nonneryes, commaundryes, deaneryes, colleges, prebendes, hospitals, houses of friars, rectoryes, vicareges, chaũtries, churches, chappels, archebishoprykes, bishoprikes, & other religious, & ecclesiastical houses & places, or of anye of thē, of what name, nature, or kynde soeuer they be, shall haue, holde, possede, retayne, kepe, and enioye all, and euery the sayd scites, mannours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, possessions, profytes, commodities, and other hereditamentes, according to suche interesses and estates, as they, and euery of them nowe haue, or holde, or hereafter shall haue, or holde, of, and in the same by the dewe order and course of the lawes and statutes of this realme, whyche nowe be, or were standynge in force before the fyrst daye of this present Parliamente, in maner and fourme, as they should haue done, yf this acte had neuer bene had ne made. This acte or anye thynge herein contayned to the contrarye in anye wyse notwythstandynge.

Sauynge to you our sayd soueraygne Lady, youre heyres and successours, and euery of them, and to all, and euery other person and persons subiectes of this realme, and bodies polytyke and corporate, and to theyr heyres and successours, and to the heyres and successours of all, and euery of them, other then such, whose ryght, tytle, or interest is bounden, or taken awaye, vndone, or extincte by any acte of Parliament heretofore made, or otherwyse all suche ryght, tytle, clayme, possession, interesses, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offyces, fees, leases, lyueryes, lyuynges, pentions, portions, dettes, dueties, & other profytes, whiche they, or any of them lawfullye haue, or of ryght ought to haue, or myght to haue, had, in, of, or to any of the premysses, or in, of, or to any parte, or percell thereof, in suche lyke maner, fourme, and condition, to all intentes, respectes, constructions, and purposes, as yf this acte had neuer bene had ne made.

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And that it maye be further enacted by auctoritie that aforesayd, all, and euerye article, clause, sentence, and prouiso, conteyned, or specified in any acte, or actes of Parliament, concernyng, or touchynge the assuraunce, or conueyaunce of any the sayd monasteries, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, prebendes, colleges, chauntries, hospitalles, houses of friars, rectories, vicareges, churches, chappelles, Archebyshoprykes, and Bisshoprykes, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, or any of them, or in any wyse concernynge any mannours, landes, tenementes, profyttes, commodities, hereditamentes, or other the thynges before specified to the sayd kyng Henry the eyght, or kyng Edwarde the syxte, or eyther of them, or any other person or persons, or bodye polytyke or corporate, and euerye of them, and all, and euerye wrytyng, dede, and instrument, concernyng the assuraunce of any of the same, shall stande, remayne, and be in as good force, effect, and strengthe, and shalbe pleaded, and taken aduauntage of, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the same shoulde, myght, or coulde haue bene by the lawes and statutes of thys realme in case thys present acte had neuer bene had ne made.

And that all feoffamentes, fynes, surrenders, forfaytures, assurances, conueyaunces, estates, and interestes, in any wyse conueyed, had, or made to our sayd late soueraygne Lord kyng Henry theyght, or to our sayd late soueraygne Lord kyng Edwarde the syxte, or eyther of them, or to any other person or persons, bodies polytyke or corporate, or to any of them by dede or dedes, acte or actes of Parliament, or otherwise of any the scytes, mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, profyttes, commodities, or hereditamentes of any the sayd Archebishoprykes, Bysshoprykes, late monasteryes, priories, nonneries, commaundries, deaneries, houses of fryars, colleges, chauntries, hospytalles, prebendes, free chappels, or of anye mannours, landes, tenementes, reuertions, seruices, tythes, pentions, portions, annuities, or of any other hereditamentes, of, by, or from any ecclesiasticall or spirituall person or persons, or by, or from any spirytual or ecclesiastical corporation, or body politike shalbe as good & auayleable in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as they were by the lawes & statutes of thys realme standing in force before the first day of thys present parliament: And that the same maye, and shalbe pleaded, alleged, and taken aduauntage of, in suche sorte, and to suche effect, as they should, could, or myghte haue bene by the lawes and statutes of thys realme, standyng in force before the sayd fyrst daye of this present parliament: And that all, and euery clause, and article, of sauyuge conteyned in all, and euerye the sayd actes and statutes, shall stande, remayne, and be in suche force, strengthe, and effecte, as they were before the sayde fyrste daye of thys present parliament. Any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrarye in any wyse notwythstandyng.

And

And that it may be in lyke maner enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that whosoeuer shall by any processe, obteyned out of any ecclesiasticall court within this realme, or without, or by pretence of any spirituall iurisdictiō, or otherwise, contrary to the lawes of this realme, iniquete or molest any person or persons, or bodye politike for anye of the sayde mannours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or thynges aboue specified, contrarye to the wordes, sentences, and meaninge of this acte, shall incurre the daunger of the acte of præmunire, made in the. xvj. yeare of king Richarde the seconde, and shall suffer & incurre the forfaytures and paynes, conteyned in the same.

Prouyded alwaye, that it shall and maye be lesull or anye person or persons, body politike and corporate, to sue in any competent, Ecclesiasticall, or spiritual court within this realme, for tythes, rightes, and dueties, that they or any of them shall pretende to haue, of, or oute of any the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses, and to haue full and perfytte remedye for the same, in such maner and fourme, as they or any of them myghte, or ought to haue done, or had by the lawes and Statutes of this realme, before the makyng of this Acte, and as thoughe this acte had neuer bene had or made.

And that it may be further prouided and enacted, by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that albeit the tytle or stile of supremacy, or supreame head of the churche of Englande and of Irelande, or eyther of them, neuer was, ne coulde be iustelye, or lawfullye attrybuted or knowledged to anye kynge, or Soueraygne gouernoure of this realme, nor in anye wyse coulde, or myght, rightfully, iustely, or lawfullye, by anye kynge or Soueraigne gouernour of the same realme, be claymed, chalenged or vsed. Yet forasmuche as the sayde tytle and style, sithens the thyrd daye of Nouember, in the. xxvj. yeare of the reygne of the sayde kyng Henry theyght, hath ben vsed, and is mentioned and conteyned in dyuers and sondry wryttes, letters, pattentes, recordes, exemplifications, courte rolles, Charters, dedes, instrumentes, euidences, bookes and wrytinges: It shalbe lawfull, aswell to, and for your maiesties, and youre soueraygne ladies heyres and successours, as to, and for euery other person, and persons, and bodies politike and corporate, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to haue, retayne, and kepe the sayde wryttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, courte rolles, Charters, dedes, instrumentes, euidences, bookes, and wrytynges, and them to shewe, exhibite, vse, alledge, and pleade, in all tymes and places requisite or nedefull, without any daunger, penaltye, losse, forfeyture, trouble, vexacion, or impeachement for the same, anye thynge in this acte, or in any other acte or actes, to the contrary therof in any wyse, notwythstandynge.

And where your hyghnes Soueraigne Lady, synce your coming to the crowne of this realme, of a good and Christen conscience, omitted

ted to the wryte the sayde Style of Supremacye, specified in one Acte made in the parliament holden at Westminster by prorogation, in the xxxv. yeare of the reygne of your late father kynge Henry theyghte, aswell in gyftes, grauntes, letters patentes, as in commissions, and other wrytinges, and also other haue in theyr wrytinges done the same, aswell in your tyme as before. And forasmuche as notwithstandynge any lawe made concernynge the sayde Style of Supremacye, it was in the free choyse, lybertye, and pleasure of the kynge of thys realme, and of your hyghnes, whether ye would expresse the same in the sayde Style or not.

Be it therfore declared and enacted by authoritie of this presente parliament, that all grauntes, letters patentes, commissions, inditementes, recordes, and writtinges, made in youre oure Soueraygne Ladyes name, or in the names of yours Soueraigne Lorde and Lady, or any other, wherein the sayd Style of Supremacye is omytted, is, and shalbe, to all intentes and purposes, as good and effectuall, as yf the same had ben therein expressed, and may be deteined, kept, pleaded, and alleaged, without any daunger, payne penaltie, or forfaiture, to ensue to any person or persons, or bodye politike, for, or concernynge the omission of the same Style, or any parte therof, in any suche wrytynges: and that no person ne persons, shalbe impeached, molested, or dampnified, for, or by reason of any such omission.

And where in an acte of parliament made synce the sayde. xx. yeare of Kynge Henry theyghte, all Bulles, dispensations, and wrytynges whiche were before that tyme optained from the See of Rome, should be voyde, abolysshed, and extinguished, with a clause, neuertheles that the matter of them, by vertue of letters patentes from the kynge then beynge, should, and myght be alledged, pleaded, and allowed, as yf the same had not bene so abolysshed or extinguisshed. Forasmuche as the sayde Acte is here before amongest other repealed and made voyde:

Be it therfore enacted by authoritie of this present parliamente, that all Bulles, dispensations, and priuileges, obteyned before the sayd. xx. yeares, or at any tyme sythence, or whyche shall hereafter be opteyned of the See of Rome, not conteynynge matter contrarye, or preiudiciall to the authoritie, dignitye, or preheminence Royall, or imperiall of the realme, or to the lawes of this realme nowe beynge in force, and not in this parliament repealed, maye be put in execution, vsed, and alleaged in anye courte with in this realme, or elles where, whether the same remayne yet hole, or can appeare to haue bene cancelled, in as bayleable and effectuall maner, to all intentes, and purposes, as yf the sayde Acte had neuer bene had or made. Anye objection by pretence of extinguysshment, or cancellyng of the sayde Bulles, dyspensations, or priuileges, or of any other matter or cause, by the pretence of the lawes of this realme, whatsoeuer in anye wyse notwythstanding

ſtandynge.

And where as by diſſolution of monaſteries, and other religious houſes, certayne paryſhe churches and chappels whiche were before exempte, from the iuriſdiction of the Archebyſhop, and Byſhop of the dioceſſe, and by ſpeciall exemption and priuiledge from Rome, were vnder the gouernement and ordre of the Abbottes, and Priours of thoſe religious houſes, whiche ſayde churches, by colour of the ſayde exemptions, be nowe of ſpeciall graunt from kynge Henry, and kyng Edwarde, vnder the rule and gouernement, and iuriſdiction of tempozall and laye men, who can no more enioye that ſupremacye, ouer thoſe perticuler churches, then the kyng might ouer the hole realme.

Be it therfore enacted, that all Archebyſhoppes, and Byſhoppes in theyr dioceſſes, and all other ſpirituall perſon and perſons, hauing iuriſdiction, and theyr miniſters and officers, and no laye perſon, or perſons, in euery Churche, and place, within the precinct of the ſame, beynge exempte, or not exempte, maye freelye, and without impediment, execute theyr ſpirituall iuriſdiction in all poyntes and articles, as though no ſuche exemption or graunt had neuer bene made.

Prouyded alwaye, and be it enacted, that this acte extende not to take awaye, or diminiſhe the priuileges of the vniuerſities of Cambrydge and Oxforde, ne the priuileges, or prerogatiues graunted heretofore to the churches of Weſtminſter, and Wyndeſoure, ne the Tower of London, ne preudiciall to ſuche tempozall Lordes and poſſeſſioners in this realme, as by auncient cuſtome haue enioyed prohate of Teſtamentes, of theyr tenauntes or other.

And foraſmuche, as after this reconſiliacion, and vnitie of this noble realme, to the bodye of Chriſtes churche, it is to be truſted, that by the aboundaunce of Goddes mercy, and grace, deuotion ſhal encreaſe and growe in the hartes of many Subiectes of this realme, with deſyre to gyue and beſtowe theyr worldlye poſſeſſions, for the reſuſcitatynge of almes, prayer, and example of good lyfe in this realme, to thintent ſuche godlye motions and purpoſes ſhoulde be aduaunced. Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that it ſhalbe lawfull to ſuche as ſhalbe ſeiſed of any manours, landes, tenementes, perſonages, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes whatſoeuer, in fee ſymple, in poſſeſſion, reuertion, or remainder, in theyr owne rightes, not beyng coppy holde, maye therof make feoffamentes, graunteſ, or any other aſſuraunces, or by his laſte wyll and Teſtament, in wrytynge, may bequeath and geue in fee ſimple, al and euery the ſayd manours, landes, tenementes, perſonages, tythes pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes, to any ſpirituall bodye politike, or corporate in this realme or dominions of the ſame, nowe erected or founded, or hereafter to be erected or founded, without anye lycence of mortmayne therein to be optayned, or anye wrytte of

ad quod dampnū to be sued oute for the same, *& actes de terris ad manū mortuā non ponendis*, or any other Acte or statute heretofore had or made in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Sauynge to the Lordes of the fee, al rentes, seruices, dew, or goinge out of any of the sayde Landes, or tenementes, or hereditamentes, so to be amortyzed, as is aforesayd.

Prouided alway, that this clause of this acte, for gyuynge the lybertie of, or for the amortyzinge of Landes or tenementes, shall contynue for, and durynge the space of. xx. yeares next, and immediately folowynge, and no lenger.

And forasmuche as we your maiesties humble and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, neyther by the makynge, or deliuerynge of eyther the supplications aforesayde, nor by any clause, article, or sentence therof, or of any other clause, article, or sentence, of this, or any other Statute, or any of the preambles of the same, made, or agreed vpon in this session of this present parliament, by any maner of interpretation, construction, implication, or otherwyse intende to derogate, empayre, or diminishe any of the prerogatiues, liberties, fraunchesies, preheminences, or iurisdictions of youre crowne imperyall of this realme, and other the dominions to the same belongyng: We do most humbly beseche youre maiesties, that it maye be declared, and ordeyned, and be it enacted and declared by authoritie of this present parliament, that neyther the makyng, exhibitinge, or insertynge, in this present Statute, or in the preambles of the same, of the supplications or promisse aforesayd, or eyther of them, nor any other thyng or thinges, wordes, sentences, clauses, or articles in the preambles, or bodye of the actes aforesayde, shalbe construed, vnderstanded, or expounded, to derogate, diminishe, or take away any the liberties, priuileges, prerogatiues, preheminences, auctorities, or iurisdictions, or any part or parcell therof, whiche were in your imperiall crowne of this realme, or dyd belonge to your sayde imperiall crowne, the. xx. yeare of the reygne of yours the Quenes maiesties moste noble father, or anye other your moost noble progenitours, before the sayde. xx. yeare. And the Popes holynes, and Sea Apostolyke, to be restored, and to haue and enioye suche authoritie, preheminence, and iurisdiction, as hys holynes, vsed, and exercised, or myghte lawfullye haue vsed and exercised by thauthoritie of his supremacye, the sayde. xx. yeare of the reygne of the kyng your father, within this your realme of England, and other your dominions, without diminution, or enlargemente of the same, and none other. And the Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction of the Archebyshoppes, Byshoppes, and Ordinaries, to be in the same state, for processe of suites, punishment of crimes, and execution of censures of the churche, with knowledge of causes belongyng to the same, and

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as large in these poyntes, as the sayde iurisdiction was the sayde. xx. yeare.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that in, and vpon euery suche gyftes and deuyses to be made to suche spirituall corporations, or persons, as is aforesaid, the donour, feoffer, or deuisor therof may reserue to him, and to his heyres for euer, a tenure in franke almayne, or a tenure by deuyne seruice: And to haue all remedies and actions, for, and vpon the sayde gyftes, or deuyses, and tenures, in lyke maner and forme, as was vsed before the estatute of Westminster thyrde (commonly called) *Quia emptores terrarum.* The sayde estatute, or any other lawe or custome nowe beyng, to the contrary in any wyse not withstandynge.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that all, and euery person and persons, and bodyes polytyke and corporate, whyche nowe haue, or hereafter shall haue any estate of inheritaunce, freholde, terme, or interest, of, in, or to any portion, pention, tithes, glebelandes, or other ecclesiasticall or spirituall profyte, whiche by this acte, and the letters of dispensation rehearsed in the same, be permytted & suffred to remaine and continue in laye mens possessions, shal, and may haue lyke remedie for the recouery of the same, and euery parte thereof, as they, and euery of them myght haue had before the first daye of this present Parliament. Any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandynge.

¶ An Acte for the punyshment of trayterous wordes against the Queenes maiestie.

¶ The. ix. Chapiter.

FOrasmuche as now of late diuerse noughtie sedicious, malicious, and hereticall persons, not hauing the feare of god before theyr eyes, but in a deuyllyshe sorte, contrary to the duetie of their allegiaunce, haue congregated them selfes together in conuenticles, in diuerse and sondrye prophane places within this citye of London, esteming them selfes to be in the true fayth, where in dede they are in errours and heresyes, and out of the true trade of Christes catholique religion, and in the same places at seuerall tymes, vsyng their phantasticall and scismaticall seruyces, lately taken awaye, and abolyshed by aucthoritie of Parliament, haue of theyr mooste malicious and cankred stomakes, prayed agaynste the Queenes maiestye, that God woulde turne her harte from Idolatrye to the true faythe, or elles to shorten her dayes, or take her quicklye out of the waye: whyche prayer was neuer hearde nor redde to haue bene vsed by anye good Christian manne, agaynste anye

Prince, though he were a pagan and infidele, and much lesse agaynste any christian Prince, and especially so vertuous a Princes as oure soueraygne Lady that now is, is knowen to be, whose faythe is, and alwayes hath bene most true & catholyque, and consonante and agreing with Christes catholique church, throughoute the worlde dispersed.

For reformation wherof, be it enacted by thauctoritie of this presente parliament, that euery suche person and persons, whiche since the beginning of this presente parliament, haue by expresse wordes and sayinges, prayed, required, or desyred, as is aforesayde, or hereafter shall praye, by expresse wordes or sayinges, that God shoulde shorten her dayes, or take her out of the way (whose lyfe almighty God longe preserue) or any suche lyke malicious prayer, amountynge to the same effect, their procurers, and abettours therein, shalbe taken, reputed, and iudged traytours, and euery suche prayinge, requiringe, or desyrynge shalbe iudged, taken, and reputed, highe treason, and the offendours therein, their procurours and abettours, beynge therof lawfully conuicte, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, shal haue, suffer, and forfeyt, as in cases of hygh treason.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted, that yf any person or persons, shall be indicted for any the offences aforesayd, done and perpetrated, duryng this session of this presente parliament, and vpon hys or theyr arreignemẽt, shal shew him, or them selues, penitent for theyr offence, and submitte hym, or them selues, to the kynge and Queenes mercy, and humbly desyre the same, before suche Justices or commissioners, before whome, he or they shalbe arraygned, that then no iudgemente of conuiction, or attayndour of treason, shalbe geuen against any suche person or persons, so beyng penitent, and submitting them selues, as is aforesayd. And in euery suche case, the Justices or commissioners, before whom such person or persons shalbe arraigned, shall haue authoritie by vertue of this Acte, to prescribe, adiudge, and appoynte, suche reasonable punyshment (other then death) to such offendour, and offendours, as to them by theyr discretion, shall seme conuenient, and vpon that penaunce prescribed and done, to be discharged of the sayd treason, comprysed in that indytement.

An acte whereby certayne offences be made treasons, and also for the gouernement of the kynges and Queenes Maiesties yssue.

The .x. Chapiter.

For

FOr asmuche as the great mercy and clemencie heretofore declared by the Queenes hyghnesse in releasynge the penall lawes, made by her progenitours, hathe gyuen occasion to many cankard & trayterous hartes, to ymagine, practise, & attempt thinges, stirring ỹ people to disobedience and rebellion agaynst her hyghnes common policie, and duetie of subiectes, require that some lawe be eftsones established to restraine the malice of suche wicked and euill doers, wherby they may be prehibited to blowe abroade suche shameful slaūders and lyes, as they daylye inuente and ymagine of her hyghnesse, and the kynges maiestie her mooste lawfull husbande, whyche when they be harde, can not be but odible, and detested of all good men, considerynge they touche their maiesties, vpon whome dependeth the whole vnitie, and vniuersall welthe of this realme.

In consideration whereof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and the Queenes maiesties, wyth thassente of the Lordes spirituall & temporal, and of the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that yf anye person or persons after the first daye of Februarie nexte to come during the marriage betwene the king & the Queenes maiesties, do compasse or ymagine to deprine the kinges maiestie, that nowe is, from the hauinge & inioying ioyntly together wyth the Queenes highnes the stile, honour, and kingly name of the realmes and dominions vnto our sayd souerayne Ladie the Queenes highnes appertaynynge, or to destroye the kyng ỹ nowe is, duryng the sayd matrimonie, or to destroye the Queenes maiestie, that nowe is, or the heyres of her bodye begotten, being kinges or Queenes of this Realme, or to leuye warre within this Realme of Englande, or within anye of the marches of the same, agaynste the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, duryng the sayd marriage, or agaynste the Queenes maiestie, that nowe is, or any of her sayd heyres, being kynges or Queenes of this realme, or to depose the Queenes maiestie that nowe is, or the heyres of her bodye begotten, being kinges or Queenes of this realme, from the Imperiall crowne of the realmes and dominions aboue said: And the same compasses, or ymaginations, or any of them maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, shall, or do vtter by open preachyng, expresse wordes, or sayinges, or yf any person or persons after the sayd first daye of Februarye, by preaching, expresse wordes or sayinges, shall maliciously, aduisedly, and directlye saye, publyshe, declare mayntayne, or holde opinion, that the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, during the sayd matrimonie, ought not to haue or inioye ioyntly together wyth the Queenes maiestie the style, honoure, and kyngly name of this realme, or that any person or persons, being neyther the kyng or the Queenes maiesties, that nowe are, duryng the sayd matrimonye betwene them, ought to haue or enioye the style, ho-

noure, and kynglye name of this realme, or that the Queenes maieſtie, that nowe is, during her lyfe, is not, or of ryghte oughte not to be queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her highnes bodye beyng kinges or queenes of this realme, of ryght ought not to be kynges or queenes of this realme, or to haue, and enioye ỹ ſame, or that any perſon or perſons, other then the queenes maieſtye, that nowe is, during her lyfe, ought to be queene of this realme, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body beynge kynges or queenes of this realme, as longe as any of her ſayd heyres of her bodye begotten, ſhalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue, and enioye the imperiall crowne of this realme: That then euery ſuche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted, or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, theyr abbettours, procurers, and counſellours, and all, and euery their comforters, knowynge the ſayde offences, or anye of them to be done, and being thereof conuicted or attaynted, as is aboueſayde, for his or theyr ſuche offence, ſhall forfayte & looſe to the queenes highnes, her heyres and ſucceſſours, all his and theyr goodes, and cattels, and the whole yſſues and profyttes of his and theyr landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, for terme of the lyfe of euery ſuche offendoure or offendours, as alſo ſhal haue, and ſuffer, duryng his and their lyues perpetuall impriſonment.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that all, and euery eccleſiaſticall perſon, being conuicted or attaynted in fourme aforeſayd, for euery ſuche his offence, ſhalbe depryued by the ordinarye from his promocion ſpirituall, or eccleſiaſticall, in ſuche lyke maner and forme, that it ſhalbe lawfull for euery patrone, founder, or giuer thereof, to preſent, after ſuche depriuation had, ſome one other to the ſame, as thoughe the ſayde offendoure or offendours were deceaſſed. And yf any perſon or perſons being hereafter conuicted, or attaynted of any the ſayd offences, in fourme aforeſayde committed, ſhall after his or their conuiction, or attaynder, eftſones committe or perpetrate any of the ſayd offences in fourme aforeſayd: That then euerye ſuche ſeconde offence or offences ſhalbe demed, and adiudged hyghe treaſon, and the offendour or offendours therein, theyr abbettours, procurers, and counſellours, and al, and euery theyr aydours, and comforters, knowing the ſayd offences, or anye of them to be done, beynge thereof conuicted or attayned, accordynge to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, ſhalbe iudged, and demed hyghe traytours, and ſhall ſuffer paynes of death, and looſe and forfayte al theyr goodes, and cattels, landes, and tenementes, to the Queenes maieſtie, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, as in caſes of hyghe treaſon, by the lawes of this realme at this daye of ryght ought to be loſte and forfeyted.

And be it further enacted by the ſayd auctoritie, ỹ yf any perſon or perſons at any tyme after the ſaid firſt daye of Februarie next to come,

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durynge the sayd marriage, compasse, or ymagine the death of the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, and the same maliciously, aduisedly, and directly shall vtter and attempte by any wrytyng, prynting, ouert dede, or acte, or yf any person or persons at any tyme after the sayd first daye of Februarye next commyng, shall maliciously, aduisedlye, and directly by wrytyng, prynting, ouert dede, or acte, affyrme, that the kynges maiestie, that nowe is, durynge the sayd matrimonie, ought not to haue, or enioye ioyntly togethers with the queenes highnes, the style, honor, and kyngly name of this realme, or that any person or persons, beynge neyther the king, or the Queenes maiestie, that nowe is, durynge the said matrimony betwene them oughte to haue, or enioye the style, honoure, and kyngly name of this realme: Or yf anye person or persons after the said daye, by any wrytyng, prynting, ouert dede, or acte, maliciouslye, aduisedly, and directly, do affirme, that the queenes maiestie that nowe is, durynge her lyfe, is not, or oughte not to be queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her highnes body beynge kynges or queenes of this realme, of ryght ought not to haue and enioye the Imperiall crowne of this realme, or that anye person or persons, other then the queenes maiestye, that nowe is, durynge her lyfe, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, as longe as any of her sayde heyres of her body shalbe in lyfe, of ryght oughte to haue and enioye the Imperiall crowne of this realme: That then euery suche offence and offences shalbe adiudged highe treason, & the offeder & offenders therein, their abbettours, procurers, & councellers, and all, & euery theyr aydours, and comforters, knowyng the said offences, or anye of them to be done, beynge therof conuicted, or attaynted by the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged high traytours, and shal suffer paynes of death, and loose and forfayte all theyr goodes, and cattels, landes, and tenementes to the Queenes maiestye, her heyres and successours, as in cases of highe treason, as is aboue sayde.

And albeit we the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, haue firme hope and confidence in the goodnes of almyghty God, that lyke as he hath hetherto miraculously preserued the queenes maiestie from many great and imminent perils and daungers, euen so he wyll of his infinite goodnes gyue her highnes strengthe, the rather by oure continuall prayers, to passe well the daunger of deliueraunce of chylde, wherewyth it hathe pleased hym, (to all our greate comfortes) to blesse her: Yet forasmuche as all thinges of this worlde be vncertayne, and haupnge before our eyes the dolorous experience of the inconstant gouernement during the tyme of the reygne of the late kynge, Edwarde the syxte, do plainely see the manyfolde inconueniences, greate daungers, and perils, that maye ensue to this whole realme, yf forsyght be not vsed

to preuent euyll chaunces, yf they should happen. For the eschewynge whereof, we the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, for, and in consideration of a most special trust and confidence, that we haue, and repose in the kinges maiestie, for, and concernyng the good and polytyke gouernement, order, and administration of this realme in the tyme of the ponge yeares of the issue or issues of her maiesties body to be borne, yf it shoulde please God to call the Quenes highnes out of this present lyfe, durynge the tender yeares of suche issue or issues (whiche God forbidde) accordyng to suche order and maner, as hereafter in this present acte, hys highnes moost gracious pleasure is should be declared and sette forth, haue made our moost humble suite by thassent of the Quenes highnes, that his maiestie would vouchesafe to accepte and take vpon hym the rule, order, education, and gouernement of the sayd issue or issues, to be borne, as is aforesaid, vpon whiche our suite beyng of hys said maiestie moost graciously accepted: It hathe pleased hys highnes not onely to declare, that lyke as for the fyrst parte hys maiestie verely trusteth, ỹ almightie God (who hath hetherto preserued the queenes maiestie) to giue this realme so good an hope of certayne succession in ỹ bloude royal of the same realme, will assist her highnes wt his graces & benedictions, to see the fruite of her body well brought forthe, liue, and able to gouerne, whereof neyther all this realme, ne all the worlde besides shuld, or coulde receaue more comforte, then his maiestie should and woulde: Yet yf suche chaunce shuld happen, his maiestie at our humble desires is pleased and contented, not alonlie to accepte and take vpon him the cure and charge of the education, rule, order, and gouernement of such issues, as of this moost happy mariage shalbe borne betwene ỹ Queenes hyghnes and him, but also durynge the tyme of such gouernement, wold by all wayes and meanes studye, trauayle, and implope him selfe to aduaunce the weale, both publique and priuate of this realme, and dominions therevnto belongyng, accordyng to the sayd truste in hys maiestie reposed, with no lesse good wyll and affection, then yf hys hyghnes had bene naturally borne amongest vs.

In consideration wherof be it enacted by the kynge and the Queenes most excellent maiesties, by thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliamente assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that yf it shall so please God, to call the queenes maiestie out of this present lyfe (whiche God forbidde) before the issue of her bodye, inheritable to the crowne of this realme, yf it be male, shall accomplyshe the age of .xviij. yeares, or yf it be female, before it shalbe of the age of .xv. yeares, and not married, after the age of consent, and before the said age of .xv. yeares: That then and immediatly after, and from the decease of our sayd Soueraygne Lady the queene, the kinges maiesty, that nowe is, shal haue the rule, order, education,

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ration and gouernement of the person of suche issue, or issues, and the rule, order and gouernemente, (vnder suche yssue, or yssues) of thys realme, and the dominions to the same belongynge, vntyll the same issue, or issues, inheritable to the imperiall crowne of this realme, yf it be male, shall accomplyshe the full age of. xviii. yeares, and yf it be female, vntyll suche yssue female, shall accomplyshe the age of fyftene yeares, or be marryed after thage of consent, and before the sayd age of fyftene yeares, yf the sayd yssue or yssues, and our sayd soueraygne Lorde the kynge, shall so longe lyue together: and that durynge, and by all the tyme of suche gouernement, all, and euerye the pactes, couenauntes, articles, and agreamentes, mentioned and compryled in the treatises, and acte of parliament, and euery of them, made, and concluded, for, & concernyng the honourable marryage, had & consúmate betwene the kynge & the Queenes maiesties, which on the behalfe of his maiestie, bene to be obserued, perfourmed, & kept, shal after the decesse of the Queenes maiestie, durynge the tyme of the said gouernement, remayne, continue, and be in as good, and full force, strengthe, and effecte, to all intentes, and purposes, as they were at anye tyme, durynge the sayd marriage, or nowe bene, and as yf they were newly by apte wordes, termes, and sentences, inserted and rehearsed in this present acte, and newly made and enacted, to stande, remayne, contynue, and to be obserued, and kept durynge the tyme of the sayd gouernement, and shalbe by his Maiestie, durynge the sayde tyme inuiolably obserued, perfourmed, mayntayned, and vpholden, in such sorte, and in as full, large, and ample maner, to all respectes, as they should, and ought to be, durynge the tyme of the sayde marryage, or after: and his highnes, and the Quenes moost excellent maiestie, are pleased and contented, that it be enacted by this present parliament, that nothynge shalbe done, permitted, or assented vnto by his maiestie to the contrary.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf any persone or persons, during the time ỹ our said soueraygne Lorde the kynge that nowe is, shall, and ought to haue thordre, rule, education, and gouernement of suche yssue, or yssues, beyng kynge or Queene of this realme, accordynge to the order and prouision aforesayde, maliciously, aduisedly, and directlye, by wrytynge, pryntynge, ouerte dede, or acte, do compasse, attempte, and goe about to destroye the person of oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde, or to depryue, or remoue his sayde hyghnes, from thorder, rule, education, and gouernement of the same yssue or yssues, beynge kynge or Quene of this realme, contrary to the tenour, entent, and true meanyng of this present Acte: that then euery suche person or persons so offendynge, theyr procurers and abettours, beynge therof lawfully conuicte or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged hyghe traytours: And that

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all, and euery suche offence and offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hyghe treason: And the offendour and offendours therein, their procurers, counsaylours, and abettours, shall incurre the daungers, forfaytures, and penalties of hyghe treason.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that al trials hereafter to be had, awarded, or made, for any treason, shalbe had, and vsed onely, according to the dewe order, and course of the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwyse: Sauyng to euery person and persons, bodyes polityke and corporate, theyr heyres, & successours, other then the offendours, and theyr heyres, and suche person and persons, as clayme to any of theyr vses, al suche rightes, titles, interesses, possessions, leases, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other profyttes, whiche they, or any of them shall haue at the daye of the committynge suche treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as yf this acte had neuer bene had nor made.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that concelement, or keepyng secrete of any high treason, be demed and taken onely, misprision of treason, & the offenders therein to forfayte and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore bene vsed. Any thing aboue mencioned to the contrary notwythstandynge.

Prouyded also, that yf it shall fortune hereafter anye of the peares of this realme, to be indicted of anye of the offences made treason, or misprision of treason by this acte, that then the same peare or peares, so beyng indyeted, shalbe putte to aunswere vnto euery suche endictement, before the highe steward of England for the tyme being, and to haue his and theyr tryall by his and theyr peares, and to receaue and haue suche lyke iudgement vpon the same tryal of his or their peares, or makyng open confession of the same offence or offences, as is vsed in other cases of highe treason.

And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that no person or persons shall in any wyse be impeched for anye of thoffences aboue sayd, committed onely by open preachyng, or wordes, onelesse the offender or offenders be thereof indyeted within syxe monethes next after the same open preachynge or wordes. Anye thing conteyned in thys acte to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that vpon the arraygnement of any person, whiche hereafter shal fortune to be arraygned for any treason, mentioned in this acte, all, and euery such person and persons, or two of them at the least, as shal hereafter wryte, declare, confesse, or depose any thing or thynges agaynste the person to be arrayned, shall, yf they be then lyuyng, and within the realme be brought forth in person before the partie arraygned, yf he requyre the same, and obiecte, and saye openly in hys hearynge, what they

they or any of them make agaynst hym, for, or concernyng any of the treasons, contayned in the indictement, where vpon the partie shalbe so arraygned, onelesse the partie arraygned for any suche treason, shal wyllyngly confesse the same at the tyme of his or their arraygnement.

Prouided neuerthelesse, and be it enacted by thauctoritie afore sayd, that in all cases of highe treason, concernyng coyne curraunt within this realme, or for counterfeyting the king or Quenes signet priuie seale, great seale or signe manuell, suche maner of tryall, & none other be obserued and kept, as heretofore hath bene vsed by the cõmon lawes of this realme. Any lawe, statute, or any other thyng or thinges to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that the councellours, procurers, comforters, and abettours for his or their first offence shal suffer lyke punishment, penaltie, and forfayture, as is conteyned in this acte agaynst the principall offendours for their first offence, and none other. And that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abettours for his or their seconde offence shall sustayne lyke punyshment, penaltie, and forfayture as is conteyned in this acte agaynst the principall offendour or offendours for their seconde offence, and none other.

An Acte for the punishment of brynging in of counterfeyte coyne of forrayne realmes, beyng curraunt within thys realme.

The .vj. Chapiter

WHERE diuerse and sondrie coynes of golde and syluer of other realmes, not beyng of the proper coyne of this realme of Englande, and yet by the sufferaunce and consent of the king and Queene our Soueraygne Lord and Ladye, be curraunt in payment within this realme, manye yll disposed persons for their owne corrupte lucre and aduauntage, haue nowe of late brought into this realme, from the parties of beyonde the sea, great quantitie of forged and counterfeyte money, lyke to the sayde coyne of other forreyne realmes, and haue vttered the same here by marchaundisyng, and otherwyse, to diuerse of the subiectes of this realme, to their great deceyte, hurte, and dammage, because the sayd yll disposed persons haue perceaued and vnderstanded, that there was not, nor yet is any sufficient lawe or statute made or prouided for the condigne punishment of the offendours in that behalfe.

Wherefore be it enacted and establyshed by the auctoritye of this presente Parliamente, that yf any person or persons, after the .xx. daye of Januarye nexte commynge, shall bryngo from the parties

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of beyonde the sea into this realme, or into any the dominions of the same, any suche false and counterfeyte coyne or moneye, being curraunt within this realme, as is aforesayd, knowyng the same coyne or moneye to be false and counterfeyte, to thintent to vtter, or make payment wyth the same within thys realme, or any the dominions of the same, by marchaundising, or otherwyse, that all and euerye suche person or persons so offendyng, as is aforesayd, their counsaylours, procurours, ayders, and abettors in that behalfe, shalbe demed and iudged to be offendours in highe treason, and shal suffer after lawfull conuiction or atteynder therof, suche paynes of death, losse and forfayture of landes, goodes, and catteles, as other offendours shall do, in cases of highe treason.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, that shall at any tyme after the sayde xx. daye of Januarie, be accused or impeched of any of the offences, conteined and prouided for in thys estatute, or of any other offence or offences, concernynge the impayrynge, counterfeytynge, or forgynge of anye coyne curraunte wythin this realme, shall, and maye be endicted, arreyned, tryed, conuicted, or atteynted by suche lyke euidence, and in such maner and forme, as hath bene vsed and accustomed within thys realme, at anye tyme before the fyrst yeare of the raygne of our late soueraygne lord kyng Edward the vi. Anye statute, custome, lawe, or vsage to the contrarye thereof in any wyse, notwythstandyng.

An Acte for the impounding of distresses.

The. xii. Chapiter.

FOR the auoydyng of grieuous vexations, exactions, troubles, and disorder in takynge of distresses, and impounding of cattell, be it enacted by auctho̅itie of thys present parliament, that from, and after the fyrst daye of Aprill next comming, no distresse of cattell shalbe driuen out of the hundred, rape, wapentake, or lath, where suche distresse is, or shalbe taken, except it be to a pounde, ouerte within the sayd shire, not aboue three myles distaunt, from the place where the sayd distresse is taken, and that no cattell, or other goodes distreyned, or taken by waye of distresse, for anye maner of cause, at one tyme shalbe impounded in seuerall places, wherby the owner or owners of suche distresse shalbe constrayned to sue seuerall replenies for the deliuerie of the sayd distresse, so taken at one tyme, vpon payne euery person, offending contrarye to this acte, shall forfayte to the partie greued for euerye suche offence a hundred shillinges, and treble damages.

AND further be it enacted by thauctho̅itie aforesayd, that after the

the sayd first daye of Aprill, no person or persons shall take for kepinge in pounde, impoundyng, or poundage of anye maner of distresse, aboue the somme of foure pence for any one whole distresse, ẏ shalbe so impoũded, and where lesse hath bene vsed, there to take lesse, vpon the payne of fyue pounde to be payed to the partie greued, ouer and besides such moneye as he shall take, aboue the somme of foure ponce. Any vsage or prescription to the contrarye in any wyse, notwythstandyng.

AND for the more spedier deliuerye of cattell, taken by waye of distresse, it is further enacted by the sayd aucthoritie, that euery Shiriffe of shires, being no cities, nor townes made shires, shal at his firste countie daye, or wythin two monethes nexte, after he hathe receaued his patente of his office of shiriswyke, shall depute, appoynte, and proclayme in the shire towne within his baylywyke, foure deputies at the least, dwellyng not aboue twelue myles, one distaunte from another, whych sayd deputies so appoynted and proclaymed, shall haue aucthoritie in the shiriffes name, to make repleuies, and deliueraunce of such distresses, in suche maner and forme, as the shiriffe may, or ought to do, vpon payne that euery Shiriffe, for euerye moneth that he shall lacke suche deputie or deputies, shall forfayte for euerye suche offence fyue pounds, the one halfe of whyche forfaytures shalbe to the kynge and Queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, the other halfe to him that will sue for the same by bil, playnte, informacion, or action of debte, in any the kinge and Queenes courtes of recorde, in which no essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

¶ An acte appoyntynge in order to iustices of peace, touchynge the baylement of prysoners.

¶ The. xiii. Chapter.

WHere in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. iii. yeare of the reygne of the noble Prynce, kynge Henry the seuenth, it was amonge other thinges ordeyned and enacted, that no prysoner arrested for felonye, shoulde be letten to bayle or mayneprysce, by any one iustice of peace, but by the whole iustices, or at least by two of thē, whereof one to be of the Quorum: Synce the makyng of whiche estatute, one iustice of peace, in the name of hym selfe, and one other of the Justices his compaignion not makyng the sayd Justice partye, nor pryuie vnto the cace, wherefore the prysoner shulde be bayled, hath oftentymes by synister labour, and meanes, set at large the greatest, and notablest offenders, suche as be not repleuisable by the lawes of this realme, and yet the rather to hyde theyr affections in that behalfe, haue signified the cause of theyr apprehension to be but onely for suspition of felony, whereby the

sayde offendours haue escaped vnpunyshed, and do dayly, to the high displeasure of almyghtye God, the great peryll of the kyng and Quenes true subiectes, and encouragement of all theues and euyll doers.

For reformation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kynge and Quenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritie of the same, that from and after the fyrste day of Aprill next commyng, no Justice, or Justices of peace, shall let to bayle or maynepryce, anye suche person or persones, whiche for any offence or offences, by them, or any of them committed, be declared not to be repleuised or bayled, or be forbydden to be repleued, or bayled, by the estature of Westmin. prymer, made in the parlyament, holden in the thyrde yeare of the reygne of kynge Edwarde the fyrst. And furthermore, that anye person or persons arrested for manslaughter or felonye, or suspection of manslaughter or felonye, beyng bayleable by the lawe, shall not after the sayde fyrst daye of Aprill, be let to bayle or maynepryce, by anye Justice of peace, yf it be not in open Sessions, except it be by two Justices of peace at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorū, & ỹ same Justices to be present together, at the tyme of the sayd baylement or mainprycе, whiche baylement or maynepryce they shall certifye in writing, subscribed, or signed with theyr owne handes, at the nexte generall gayole deliuerye, to be holden within the countie, where the sayd person or personnes shalbe arrested or suspected. And that the sayde Justices, or one of them, beyng of the Quorum, when any suche prysoner is brought before them for anye manslaughter or felonye, before anye baylement or maynepryce, shall take the examination of the sayd prysoner, and informatiō of them that bringes hym, of the facte, and circumstaunces therof, and the same, or asmuche therof, as shalbe materiall to proue the felonye, shall putte in wrytynge before they make the same baylement, whiche sayde examination together, with the sayde baylement, the sayde Justices shall certifie at the nexte generall gaole delyuerie, to be holden within the limittes of theyr commyssion, and that euery Coroner, vpon any inquisition before hym founde, whereby any person or persons shalbe indicted for murdre, or mānslaughter, or as accessary, or accessaries to the same, before the murdre or manslaughter committed, shall put in wrytynge the effect of the euidence, geuen to the Jurye before hym, beyng materiall, and aswell the sayde Justices, as the sayde Coroner shall haue authoritie by this acte, to bynde all such by recognisaunce, or obligatiō, as do declare any thinge materiall, to proue the sayd murdre or manslaughter, offences, or felonies, or to be accessary, or accessaries to the same, as is aforesayde, to appeare at the next generall gaole delyuerye, to be holden within the Countie, citie, or towne corporate, where the tryall therof shalbe, then and there to geue euidence agaynst the partye so indicted, at the tyme

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of his tryall, and shall certifye aswell the same euydence, as such bonde and bondes in wrytyng, as he shall take together, with the inquisition, or indictment before hym taken and founde, at, or before the tyme of his sayd tryall therof, to be had or made. And lyke wyse, the sayd Justices shall certifye all and euerye suche bonde, taken before them, in lyke maner as before is sayde of baylementes and examination. And in case any iustice of peace, or Quorum, or Coroner, shall after the sayde fyrst day of Aprill, offende in any thinge contrary to the true intente, and meanyng of this present acte: That then the Justices of gaole delyuerye, of the Shyre citie, towne, or place, where suche offence shall happen to be cõmitted, vpon due profe therof, by examynacion before them shall for euery suche offence, set suche fyne on euerye of the same Justices of peace, and Coroner, as the same Justices of goale deliuery shall thynke mete, and shall estrete the same as other fynes and amerciamentes assessed before Justices of goale delyuery ought to be.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie afore sayd, that Justices of peace, and Coroners within the citie of London and the countie of Middelsex, and in other cities, Boroughes, & townes corporate within this realme, and Wales, shall within theyr seuerall iurisdictions, haue auctoritie to let to Bayle, fellons and prysoners, in such maner and fourme as they haue bene heretofore accustomed, this acte or any thinge therin contryned, to the contrarye notwithstandinge. And also shall take examinations, and bondes, as is afore sayd, vpon euery baylement by them or anye of them to be made, and shall certifie euery suche baylementes, bondes, and examinations by them or any of them, taken or made at the next Goale delyuery to be holden within the Shyre, citie, borough, or towne, where theyr seuerall Jurisdictions extendeth, vpon lyke payne and forfayture, as is before lymitted in this present Acte.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no writtes of Habeas corpus, or Certiorary, shalbe hereafter graunted, to remoue anye Prysonner oute of anye Goale, or to remoue anye recognisaunce, excepte the same wryttes be signed with the proper handes of the chiefe Justice, or in his absence, one of the Justices of the courte, out of whiche the same wryttes shalbe awarded, or made, vpon payne that he that wryteth any suche wryttes, not beyng signed, as is aforesayd, to forfayt to our sayd Souerayngne Lorde the kynge and the Quene, for euery suche wrytte and wryttes, fyue poundes.

¶ An acte for the makyng of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples in Norwiche.

The. xliii. Chapter.

Here of late yeares passed Russelles called Russelles Sattens, and Sattens reuerles, haue bene practysed to be made beyonde the seas of the wolles, bredde in the countie of Norfolke, and by reason thereof so great quantitie of the sayd Russels Sattens, and Sattens Reuerles, haue bene brought into thys realme, solde and worne aswel in euery part of this realme, as in the partes beyond the seas, that thereby the mysteries of Worstedes making, and weuyng, wherby marchauntes, and inhabitauntes of the citie of Norwiche, haue heretofore bene well mayntayned and relieued, is now at this present almoost wholy decayed and brought oute of estimacon, and verylytle worne, eyther wythin this realme, or in anye other forreyne realmes, to the great hinderaunce, and decaye of the sayd citie, and citezins of the same citie. For remedye whereof Thomas Marsham Maiour of the citie of Norwyche, John Corbet Esquier, Justen Stewarde, Robert Leche, Robert Rugge, John Ball, and Alexander Mathet Aldermen of the sayd citie. Thomas Whall, Thomas Decke, Raphe Marsham, Robert Henry, John Sutton, Richarde Tomson, citezins, & marchauntes of the sayd citie, at their great costes and charges, aswel in bringing of certeyne straungers from the partes beyonde the seas into the sayd citie, as also in makyng of Lombes, and all other prouision for the same, and also haue called vnto them eyghte persons of the moost discrete and worthie men of the misterie of Worstede weuyng, wythin the sayd citie, that is to saye, John Cooke, James Lyn, John Crosse, Simon Petyt, John Marshal, Roger Leche, Edmonde Barker, and Edmonde Seiers, beyng the nombre of xvi. persons, whyche haue not onelye made Russels Sattens, & Sattens Reuerles, and fustian of Naples wythin the sayd citie of Norwiche or Norfolke wolles, but also haue learned and taught other citezins and inhabitanntes of the sayd citie to make the same, in suche good and perfect maner, that muche better Russels Sattens, Sattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, and suche lyke, and for easier prices, be nowe at thys present wrought and made wythin the sayd citie, then heretofore hathe bene, or nowe be made in anye of the parties beyonde the seas, wherby the sayd citie, and inhabitauntes thereof, may, and be lyke agayne to be relieued and brought to their olde estate, to the greate aduauncement of the commodities of thys realme, and enrychyng the same, yf some good and polytyke lawes and ordinauntes were made for the good continuauuce of the true makyng of the sayde Russelles Sattens, Sattens Reuerles, and fustian of Naples, and suche lyke.

In consideration whereof be it enacted by the assente of the kynge and Queenes hyghnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of thys present Parliament assembled, and by thauctoritye of

of the same, that the sayd russels sattens, and sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples, hereafter to be made onely wythin the sayd citie, may from henceforth beare the name, and be called by the name of Norwiche sattens, and Norwiche fustians, and that the Maior, and the afore mentioned citezins of the same citie, wherby before this time hathe bene at the costes and charges of the bryngyng of the sayd straungers into the same citie, for the making of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustians of Naples, and suche the afore mentioned eyghte persons, that they haue called vnto them, shalbe a felowshyp of thē selfes, and shall yearely the thyrd daye of Februarye choose of their felowes foure wardeynes wythin the Guylde hall of the sayde citie, or anye other common and conuenient place in the same citie, & the same wardeynes so beyng thoosen, shall stande, and be wardeines of the same felowshyp, during one whole yeare, next ensuing the said election, & that the same wardeynes after the sayd election, shal come before the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme being, yearely the mondaye next after the sayd thyrde daye of Februarye, and before the sayde Maior shalbe sworne diligently, to viewe, searche, and see all the russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Naples, then made, or that shalbe made wythin the sayd citie, duryng the sayd yeare. And suche of the sayde russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Naples, as shall appeare, and be demed by them to be lawfully, truely, & workemanly wrought, shal seale wyth a seale of leade, bearyng the armes of the citie of Norwiche, wherby it may be knowen to the marchaunt, or buyer of them, that the same be allowed and truely made.

And that also it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the sayd wardeynes and felowshyp shalbe a body corporate, and to be named, and be inabled by this acte to sue, and be sued, and to graue, and to take by the name of wardeynes, and felowshyppe of the mysterye of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwiche, makyng wythin the sayd citie of Norwiche. And yf anye defaulte at anye tyme shalbe founde in any of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche, or in any of them by the sayde wardeynes, that the same defaulte shalbe reformed, and the offendour or offendours therin to be punished according to such rules and ordinaunces, as hereafter frō time to time shalbe made within ỹ said citie by the Maior of the sayde citie for the tyme beynge, and by the sayde foure wardeynes, and the felowshyppe of the sayde occupation or mysterye, or the greateste nombre of the sayde felowshyppe, for, and concernynge the same, and that the same defaultes from tyme to time, as occasion shal serue, shalbe enquired of, & tried before the Maior of the sayde citie of Norwyche for the tyme beynge, by the othes of twelue honeste menne of the foresayde felowshyppe. And that the sayde foure wardeynes so choosen and sworne, shall haue full power & auctoritie, to do, execute,

presente, and refourme, all, and singuler thyng and thynges, of, for, and concernyng the sayd mysterye, makyng, workyng, and occupying of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche within the sayd citie, in suche maner and fourme, as in, or by the sayd ordynaunces shalbe expressed and declared, and that at al tymes hereafter, and from tyme to tyme, it shalbe lawfull to the Maiour of the said citie for the tyme beyng, and to the beforenamed felowship and wardeynes of the same mysterye and the more part of them, & to their successours, to make and ordeyne from tyme to tyme, rules, lawes, & ordinaunces, mete and necessary for the good ordre & gouernaunce of the sayd mysterye, and for the true and wel makyng of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwiche, and the same ordinaunces so made, to be at al times obeyed by al thinhabitaunce of the sayd citie, or suburbes of the same, & to be put in due execution by ye sayd Maiour & wardeynes, and their successours for the time being, in such maner and forme, as by the same ordinaunce shalbe ordeined & declared. And that suche as nowe be, & that hereafter shalbe makers of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche, & euery of them within the sayd citie, shal not from henceforth occuppe ye sayd mysterye, & makyng of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche, nor of any of them wythin the sayd citie, by thē selfes, or by any other, before he or they so occupying the sayd mysterye wythin the sayd citie, be made free of the sayd citie, and admitted to be of the sayd felowshyp by the Maior of the sayd citie, & wardeynes, and felowshyp of the said mysterie for the time being. And that no person do occupie by him selfe, or any other for hym out of the sayd citie, the sayd mystery of making of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustians of Naples, or of any of them, before he or they so occupying the same, haue bene prentice to the sayd mysterye by the terme of seuen yeares, or els admytted by the sayd Maior & felowshyp, or the more part of them, vpon payne of forfayture of ye same russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche by thē, or any of thē to be made contrary to ye forme of this acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the sayd Maior and wardeynes for the time being, shall not take anye somme of moneye, or reward to their owne propre vses, for the admytting of any person or persons to occupie the sayd mysterie, vpon payne of forfayture of treble the value of the reward, or somme of moneye, so by them or any of them to be taken.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawful to the sayd wardeynes, and to euery of them for the time being, by al wayes & meanes, and at al lawful times, diligently from time to time, to make searche by dewe & ordinary wayes, for al maner of the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, and fustian of Norwiche, that shal happen to be founde by them defectyue, for lacke of good and true workemanship. And that it shalbe lawfull

full to the sayd wardeynes, & euery of them for the time being, by ver-
tue of this acte, to seale, & take the sayde russels sattens, sattens reuer-
ses, & fustian, & bringe and present the same clothes so sealed and ta-
ken, to the Maior of ỹ said citie for the time being, & vnto his succes-
sors, to thintent that twelue honest, lawfull, and expert men of the said
mysterie & felowship being sworne before the sayd Maior may by ver-
tue of their othes, make enquirie, and presente the maner of the sayd
defaultes before the sayd Maior for the time being, according to suche
good & holsome ordinaunces and rules, as shalbe ordeyned and made
for the conseruation & good continuaunce of the sayd occupation and
mysterye, & the true making, & working of the sayde russelles sattens,
sattens reuerses, & fustians of Norwyche. And that all & euery person
and persons, that shall occupie, vse, & exercise the sayd mysterie, or ma-
kyng of the said russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustians of Norwi-
che, or any of them, contrary to the forme, tenoure, playne meaning, &
intent of this acte, and of the rules and ordinaunces, that at anye time
hereafter by auctorite of this acte shalbe ordeined & made for the con-
tinuaunce of the true & perfect making of the sayd russels sattens, sat-
tens reuerses, & fustian of Norwyche, shall forfayte and loose for euery
tyme so offending, or making any russels sattens, sattens reuerses, &
fustyan of Norwiche, contrary to the meanyng, tenoure, & effect of the
sayd acte, rules, and ordinaunces, concernyng the same, suche fynes, a-
merciamentes, & paynes, as shalbe adiudged, assessed, and assered by
twelue expert men of the sayd felowshippe vpon their othes, the same
twelue persons to be sworne before the sayde Maior & wardeynes to
enquire & make true verediete, & presentmente of suche defaultes, the
one halfe of al which forfayture to be to ỹ Maior of the sayde citie for ỹ
time being, & his successors, and thother moytie to the said wardeynes
for the time being, & their successors, by action of dette, bill, playnte, or
information in any court of record, in which action, bil, playnte, or infor-
mation no wager of lawe, protection, iniunction, or forren plee, shalbe
allowed. And in case it shall fortune hereafter, ỹ any of the sayd russels
sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Norwiche shal lacke of such leng-
thes & bredthes, or of the true & insuing, making, or sorting of ỹ yarne,
as shalbe appoynted, & set forth by the sayd rules & ordinaunces, and
the same so to be found defective by verdicte of twelue men of the sayd
felowship before the said Maior & wardeines, & their successors: That
then the sayd russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustians of Naples, &
euery of them so found defective, to be cutte in two peeces, & to paye
suche fine or fines, as shalbe assered & assessed by ỹ sayd twelue expert
men, by vertue of their othes, ỹ one moytie of which fyne or fines to be
to the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme beyng, & to his successors,
and thother moytie to the wardeynes of the sayd felowshyp for the
tyme beyng, and to their successours.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that yf any wardeyne or wardeines for the time being, of ẏ sayd mysterye or occupation of making of russels sattens, sattens reuerses, & fustian of Naples, shal at anye time hereafter seale, or cause to be sealed any russels sattens, sattens reuerses, or fustians of Naples, ẏ shall not be wel, sufficient, and truely wrought, and made, accordyng to the true intent, and meanyng of thys presente acte, shall forfayte and loose for euery peece so sealed, beyng not wel, sufficient, and truely wrought and made, the whole value of euerye suche peece so sealed, thone halfe of whiche forfaytures to be to the kyng and Queenes maiesties, her heyres and successours, and thother moytie thereof to be to suche person and persons, as shall sue for the same by byll, action, or information, in any of the kinges courtes of record, in which bill, action, or information, no essoygne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

¶ An act to confyrme the liberties of the Lord Marchers in Wales.

¶ The .xv. Chapter.

HUmbly besechen your excellent maiesties, your true & faythfull Subiectes, the Lordes marchers both spiritual and temporal, within youre highnes dominion of Wales, that where as in a parliament holden at West. the .xxvii. yeare of the reigne of kyng Henry theyght, father vnto you oure naturall Soueraygne Lady, amonges other thinges, one Acte was made & establyshed for lawes & iustice to be ministred in the sayd dominion of Wales, in lyke forme as it is in this realme of England, in the which act, one article is, that for that the lordes Marchers before ẏ parliament, had vsed to put theyr tenauntes within their lordshippes Marchers, vnder common mainpryce & suertie of apparaunce, and haue had the forfeytures thereof, which for euer, from, & after the feast of all saynctes, then next ensuing the sayd parliament, shuld vtterlye cease, and be determined: It was enacted, that after the sayde feast of all saynctes, euery lay, & temporal person, then being a lorde marcher, shulde haue the moytie or halfe of euery forfeiture, of al, and euery common maynprice, recognizance for the peace or apparance, forfeited by any of theyr tenauntes, inhabiting within any of theyr lorshippes Marchers, & they to be payed the same moytie or half, by the handes of the Sherif of euerye of the counties where such forfeiture shalbe (yf the shirif can leuye the same) and the same Shirif to accompte to our sayd late Soueraygne lord the king, for the other half or moytie, in such excheaker, as they be accomptant.

And further it was enacted by thauctthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euery lay, & temporal person or persons, then being lordes marchers, and hauing any lorshippes marchers, or lorshippes royals, shuld from, and after the sayd feast of al sainctes, haue al suche myses and profites

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of their tenauntes, as they haue had, or vsed to haue, at the fyrst entry into their landes in times past. And also shuld haue, hold, & kepe, within the precinct of theyr lordshyppes, courtes baron, courtes lete, and lawdayes, and al and euery thinge to the sayd courtes belonging, and also should haue within the precinct of theyr sayd lordships, or lawday wayf, strayf, infangethefe, outfangethefe, treasure troue, deodandes, goodes, and cattels of fellons, & of persons condempned, or outlawed of fellonie or murther, put in exigent for fellony or murther, and also wrecke de mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in time past, as though such priuileges were graunted vnto them by poynt of charter, any thing in that acte to the contrarye notwithstanding, as in ỹ sayd act of parliament more at large it may appeare.

And forasmuch as Byshops, and other ecclesiasticall persons, being lordes marchers, hauing the like liberties, casualties, profites, & commodities within their lordships marchers, and lordships royall, within the sayd dominion, or principalitie of Wales, were not prouided for, by the expresse letter of the sayd Statute, in lyke sort as the laye and temporall lordes marchers were: but rather of purpose, as it shoulde seme, forgotten, and left out of the sayde Acte, agaynst all reason, and good equitie: And forasmuch also, as the heyres and successours of the lay and temporal lordes marchers, then being, were not prouided for, by the limitation, and expresse wordes of the sayd acte, aswell as theyr auncestors, & predecessors were, as reason wold they shuld haue bene

It may please your maiesties of your moste gratious fauoure and benignitie, at the humble suit, and supplication of your sayde faythfull subiectes, the lordes marchers that now are, in the sayd dominion of Wales, both spiritual and temporal, to graunt, that it may by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, be ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, by thauthoritie of this present parliamẽt, that aswel your said spiritual, & ecclesiasticall subiectes, lordes marchers, now hauing lordshyppes marchers, or lordshyps royall in Wales aforesayd, and their successours, & the successours of euery of them: as also the heyres and successours of the lordes temporall marchers, that then were, or now be, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, being, or which hereafter shal be, lordes marchers, within theyr lordshyps marchers, and lordshyps royals, in the dominion, or principalitie of Wales, shall haue, and enioy to them, & to their heyres, & successors, respectiuely, and seuerally for euer, the moytie & halfe of euery forfayture, of al & euery cõmon mainprice, recognizãce for the peace, or apparaunce forfeited by any of theyr tenãtes, inhabiting within any of their lordshyps marchers, or lordshyps royall, & they to be payed the same moytie or half, by the handes of the shyryf of the countie, for the tyme being, after such fourme & sorte, as the said laye or temporall lordes marchers haue bene, or ought to haue

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bene payed the same, by force of the sayd Statute.
And further, shall haue al such miles, & profyts of theyr tenauntes, as the lordes marchers, spiritual or temporall, respectiuely, or seuerally had, or vsed to haue at theyr first entry into their landes in times past, before the making of the sayd act or statute. And also shal haue, hold, & kepe, within the precinct of theyr sayd lordships, al such courtes baron courtes lete, & lawdayes, & al and euery thinge and thinges, to ỹ same courtes belonging, and also shal haue within ỹ precinct of theyr sayde seuerall lordships, or lawdayes, al suche wayf, strayf, infangthefe, outfangthefe, treasure trouues, deodandes, goodes, & ratteis of fellons, & of persons condempned or outlawed of felony or murther, put in exigent for felony or murther, and also all suche wrecke de mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as the lordes marchers, spirituall and temporall, respectiuely, and seuerally had and vsed in tymes past, before the makynge of the sayd Statute.

¶ An acte for the continuaunce of certayne statutes. Cap. xvi.

WHere in the parliament begonne and holden at London ỹ iii. day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yeare of the reigne of our moste dread souereygne lord of most famous memory, king Henry theyght, & from thence adiourned to Westm. and there holden, & continued by diuers prorogations, vnto ỹ dissolution therof, one acte was made and established, for the restraint of cariage, & conueying of horses, and mares out of this realme, & also one other acte was there made, for the true wyndinge of wolles, and one other act was there made, to restrayn kyllyng of waynelings, bul lockes, stiers, & heyfers, beyng vnder thage of .ii. yeares, whiche sayd seuerall actes were then made to endure & continue to the next parliament, as by the sayd seuerall actes more playnly apeareth. And where also in the same parliament, one other acte was made & established, for attaintes to be sued, for the punishment of periury, vpon vntrue verdictes, which actes last before rehearsed, were then made & ordeined, to continue & endure to ỹ last day of the next parliament, as by ỹ same act more plainly at large is shewed & may appeare. And where also in the parliament begon & holden at Westm. theyght day of June, in the xviii. yeare of the reygne of our said most dread souereygne lord, king Henry theight, & there continued and kept, vntil the dissolutiõ therof, it was ordeined & enacted, that all & singuler the sayd actes aboue remembred, & euery of them, shuld continue & endure in theyr force and strength, & also be obserued & kept vntill the laste day of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therin conteyned more playnly appeareth. And where also in the parliament begon and holden at Westm. the, xviii. day of Apryl, in the .xxxi. yeare of ỹ reign of our sayd late most dread souerayne Lorde, kyng Henry theyght, &

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there continued vntyl the .xxviij. daye of June then next folowing, it was ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie of ỹ same parliament, ỹ all, & singuler the sayd seuerall actes aboue remembred, & euery of them, & al clauses, articles, & prouisions in them, & euerye of them conteined, shuld continue & endure in theyr force & strength, & also be obserued & kept, vntyl the last day of the next parliamente, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteyned, more playnlye appeareth. And where in the parliament holden at Westm. in the .xxxv. yeare of the reygne of our sayd late souereigne lord king Henrye theyght, one act was made for the preseruatiõ of woodes, to endure for .vii. yeares then next folowing, & from thence to thende of the next parliamẽt, as by the same act more playnly doth, & may appeare. And where also at the parliament holden at Westm. in the .xxxvii. year of the reigne of ỹ said king Henry theight, & there continued & kept vntill the dissolutiõ therof, it was ordeined & enacted, ỹ all, & singuler the sayd actes aboue mentioned, & euery of them, except the said act made for the preseruation of woods, as is aforesaid, shuld continue & endure in theyr force & strength, & also to be obserued & kept, vntil the last day of the next parliament thẽ folowing, as by the same act amonges other thinges therin conteined more playnly appeareth. And where also at the session of the parliament, ended at Westm. the .xiiij. daye of Marche, in the .iij. yeare of the reygne of our late souereigne Lorde king Edward ỹ .vi. one acte was made for the true courrynge of leather, whiche act was made to endure to thende of the next parliament, as by the same acte more playnlye appeareth. And where also at the Session of a parliament, ended at Westm. the fyrst daye of Februarye, in the fourth yeare of the reygne of our sayd late souereigne Lord kyng Edward the .vi. one acte was then & there made, concerning the buying of rother beastes. And also one other act was then & there made, touching the buying & selling of butter & chese, which sayd seuerall actes were then and there made, to endure & continue, to thende of the next parliamente, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doth and may appeare. And where also at the session of a parliament by prorogation holden at Westm. the .xxiij. day of January, in ỹ .v. year of the reygne of our said soueraigne Lord, one other Acte was then and there made, agaynste regratours & forstallers, to endure to thende of the next parliamente, which al & singuler the sayd actes aboue mentioned together, w the said act concerning the preseruation of woodes, at a parliament holde at Westm. the fyrst day of Marche, in the .vii. yeare of the reygne of our sayd soueraygne Lorde kinge Edward the .vi. & there continued and dissolued the last day of the same monety of March, and all clauses articles, & prouisions in thẽ, & euery of them conteined, were there reuiued & continued, to stand in theyr force & strength, vntyl the last day of the next parliament. And where also at the session of a parliamente

holden